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Meeting yields agreement toward better communication

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

A gathering of the minds took place on Monday in an attempt to solve disagreements about funding between three counties and the 46th Circuit Trial Court, unified by the Michigan Supreme Court in 1996.

Commissioners and Controllers from Crawford, Kalkaska and Otsego Counties met with court administrators and all the judges from the Circuit to air their opinions about financing. This follows more than 18 months of a stalemate initiated when Crawford Commissioners rescinded a resolution to fund a proposed court employee retirement plan.

Each county, as well as the court, was allotted 10 minutes to speak and five minutes to respond on five main issues brought to the table for discussion, but only the first three were brought to resolution. Many complained of a lack of communication between the counties, as well as between the court and each county; that each was not receiving the same financial information nor at the same time as others.

Crawford County Commissioner and Judiciary Committee Chair Lynnette Corlew brought the mounting tension and near finger-pointing in the room to a halt when she made a motion to her own board that a procedure be developed, agreed to and adhered to by all three counties with the purpose of keeping the lines of communication open between the three counties and the court.

A resolution stating provisions for regular meetings of a committee made up of three commissioners

from each county and dissemination of financial and other information was drafted, fine tuned and presented again after a break in the meeting.

The Crawford County Board voted unanimously to accept the new committee concept. Otsego County followed suit, while Kalkaska County said a few of its board members were not present and would wait until their regular meeting on Tuesday for a vote of the full board.

This new committee will be tasked with tackling the many actuals and studies that have come down since arguments over the financial feasibility of the proposed court retirement plan began or start from scratch. The committee will work with the court to solve the dilemma as the new retirement benefits fund is set to become available in January.

Court Administrator Rudi Edel said about \$114,000 is currently in the fund through county contributions over the past two years, a trade off for the court hiking its employee prescription co-pay from \$2 to \$10 and relinquishing longevity pay.

This fund is not what is currently making some Commissioners a bit nervous. The proposed change from a Simplified Employee Pension (SEP) plan (where employees contribute to retirement funds) to a better retirement plan would be funded basically by increased appropriations from the counties.

The cost of the plan remains in dispute because no one study or actuarial has been deemed the standard for calculation of future retirement costs to the county.

Imitation of life



Photo courtesy of Grayling High School

Grayling High School students gathered outside the school last Friday afternoon to witness the re-creation of a drunk driving accident. The exercise is performed each year before the prom and graduation to remind teens how serious the act of drinking and driving can be. Personnel from local fire departments and law enforcement donate their time for the mock accident. Accident victims are portrayed by members of the GHS Student Senate.

Jury selection begins in Piehl murder trial

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

Jury selection began Tuesday morning in the capital murder trial of Randee Craig Johnson, of Beaver Creek Township, suspected of shooting to death Shane Piehl last May.

Johnson was arrested on one count of open murder last August while paying a traffic ticket at the Crawford County Courthouse. A witness told investigators Johnson confessed to the crime, but Johnson's former attorney told the court his client had only been joking about his involvement. The Crawford County Sheriff's office believe the shooting was the result of a drug deal gone bad.

46th Circuit Trial Court Chief Judge Alton T. Davis ordered extra jurors called in for the trial in the highly publicized case and vehicles overflowed the courthouse parking lot on May 14 as jury selection began.

Judge Davis denied a request for adjournment last Thursday, when Crawford County Prosecutor John Huss asked for 30 days to locate a witness who he said, "jumped bond from charges in Roscommon and fled like a gazelle."

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Shelter helps break adoption record

Ten years ago, Detroit Zoo Director Ron Kagan began the annual event, "Meet Your Best Friend at the Zoo" to help find homes for homeless dogs and cats in the Detroit area. Every year the event has grown, saving the lives of hundreds of animals and is now the biggest off-site adoption event of its kind in the United States.

This year was no different and the Animal Shelter of Crawford County played an important role in helping the Zoo and sponsoring Michigan Humane Society set a new record for adoptions, May 4-5.

The Michigan Humane Society reports 25 adoptive groups participated this year and a total of 864 animals found homes -- up from 729 last spring. The Animal Shelter of Crawford County transported 47 animals (29 dogs and 18 cats) to the event in a huge horse trailer, finding homes for all of them -- that's 13 animals above the average adopted by each group.

Michigan Humane Society spokeswoman Nancy Gunnigle said the Shelter, based in Grayling, "definitely wins the award for farthest distance traveled," and applauded the volunteers for their hard work.

Volunteering for the weekend event were Mickey Richards,

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Photo by Cheryl Ruley

Shelter volunteer Mickey Richards (right) sneaks in a little lunch while introducing "Luckie" to Hester Anderson and her son, Richard Hayes, of Royal Oak. The pair adopted the seven-year old beagle and explained they once lost a dog just like her with the same name. Penny Richards is seen in the background introducing "Buddy Holly."

Mayor seeking higher office

Grayling City Mayor and local businessman, Dave Wyman, has announced he is seeking the Republican nomination for 106th District seat in the State House of Representatives in the August 6 primary election.

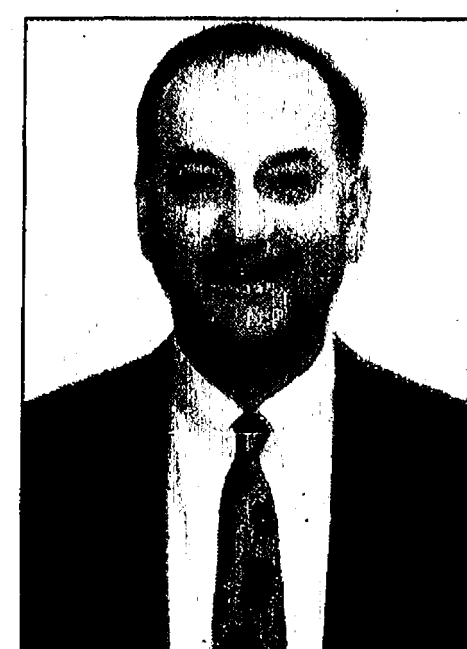
"Rather than work on local projects, I want to strive to change the course of government that I so easily criticize, namely the trend away from traditional family values, the rush toward liberalism, increases in the size of government, and government control," Wyman explained in a recent press release.

Wyman is seeking to serve as Representative in the newly-created District which, besides Crawford, includes Alcona, Alpena, Montmorency, Oscoda and Presque Isle Counties.

"Engineers are very logical thinkers," Wyman said. "I will use my education, training and practice as a civil engineer to help formulate sound, reasonable, common sense decisions when voting in Lansing." He said he also believes his time spent on the Crawford AuSable School Board, zoning and building code boards, and his time as Grayling City Councilman and Mayor will prove helpful.

Mayor Wyman said he is a conservative who believes in traditional family values, right-to-life, gun ownership, less taxes and less government.

In regard to problem-solving, he



Grayling Mayor
Dave Wyman

said, "When confronted with a problem, I want information from all view points, and then I will proceed to a well thought-out, logical solution." Wyman said he believes northeastern Michigan needs more well-paying jobs and expansion of the existing tourism industry.

Wyman said he believes in conservation and preservation, but, "I am not in favor of extreme environmentalism -- people should come first."

He added, "Here in Michigan with the Great Lakes, we have an abundance of fresh water, and I believe in the near future, many people will want this natural resource. We need to preserve it!"

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Shelter helps break adoption record

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Penny Richards, Joe and Jodi Angelo, Richard and Roberta Angelo, Mika Summers, Cassie Maples, Karyn Riley, Ginger Grow, President Sharon Priebe, Vice President Dixie Lobsinger, and Treasurer Cheryl Ruly. Joe and Jodi Angelo of Oxford, lent the use of their barn to house some of the animals over night, besides helping at the event.

Zoo Director Kagan stopped by the Animal Shelter's tent and complimented the team of volunteers on their matching "At the Zoo" sweat-shirts (design by Mika Summers) and suggested they be marketed for the next event. The design consists of dogs and cats mixed among zoo animals and the words, "At The Zoo -- Where Two Worlds Come Together For a Common Good."

In the weeks leading up to the event, every Crawford animal old enough to do so was spayed or neutered. They also received vaccinations. Lobsinger said she believes this was a real selling point for the shelter animals, because as a condition of adoption, new owners sign an agreement to have their pet

spayed or neutered per state law. This means a savings to the new pet owner.

Many veterinarians in northern Michigan helped by providing reduced-cost surgeries and rabies vaccinations, and Shelter Secretary Janet Andrews made sure all the dogs were bathed, brushed, and nails trimmed before their big debut at the Zoo.

On Saturday morning, as hundreds lined up early at the Zoo gates, volunteers rushed to provide food and water for all 47 animals and



The Animal Shelter's tent was easy to spot marked by this red and white banner created by Karyn Ruly.

dress them up (even the cats) in colorful zoo animal bandanas handmade by Mickey Richards. All the work paid off when at 10 a.m. the gates opened and adoptions began. The day flew by for the volunteers and when the dust settled at 5 p.m., only eight animals from the Crawford shelter were still waiting

to be adopted.

The animals were then packed up and taken back to the Angelo residence for the night and on Sunday each was adopted by new owners.

The Animal Shelter of Crawford County, a non-profit organization plans to return to the next zoo adoption event, September 28-29.



Shelter President Sharon Priebe (left) and volunteer Roberta Angelo tell an interested family about "Samantha."

Police believe B&E suspects were huffing

by Cheryl Ruly
Staff Writer

Two Grayling teens were taken into custody April 30 pending breaking and entering charges after a neighbor reported suspicious activity around a home on State Street that afternoon.

Grayling City Police Detective Dennis Long said the neighbor described the teens, age 15 and 16, after observing them breaking into the home. No one was at home at the time and nothing seems to have been taken.

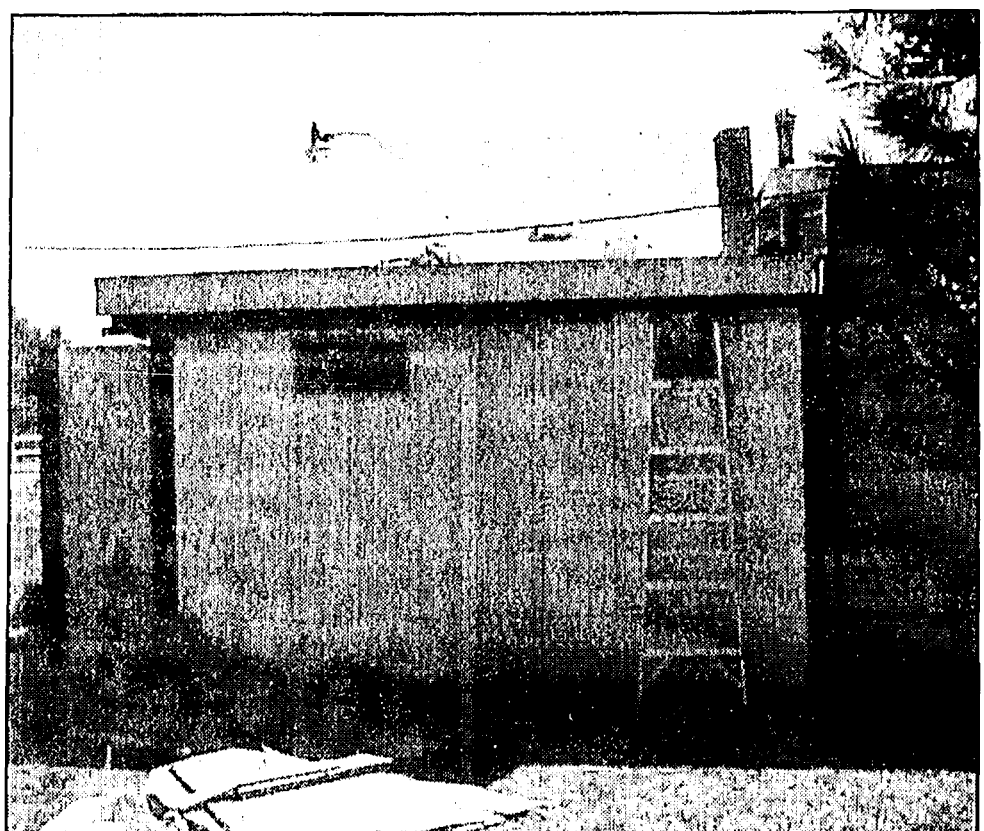
Upon investigation, Long said the home had been entered, but found the suspects a short time later hiding in a restroom at the nearby Burger King restaurant. Long said the teens were skipping school and showed signs they had been using inhalants or "huffing" and a plastic container of gasoline, the probable

inhalant, was found on the roof of the home.

Long turned both teens over to the custody of the 83rd District Court Juvenile Division and their parents were notified.

Grayling City Police Chief Karl Schreiner advises parents to be aware of signs their teen or child may be using, or "huffing," dangerous -- and sometimes deadly -- inhalants. Signs include violent and aggressive behavior; "drunken" appearance; a red, runny nose or nose bleeds; sores or rashes on the nose and/or mouth; chemical odor on breath or clothes; lack of inhibition; silliness; nausea or vomiting; hiding rags, clothes, cans or sandwich bags used while huffing.

"The use of inhalants is a very dangerous practice," said Chief Schreiner, "and can lead to sudden death."



Grayling City Police said two juveniles were seen breaking into this house on State Street. Police also believe the pair was "huffing" gasoline and left a container of it on the roof along with some personal items.

Poppy Days are May 16-18

On the World War I battlefields of Belgium, poppies grew wild amid the war-ravaged landscape. The overturned soils of the battles enabled the poppy seeds to be covered, thus allowing them to grow wild. They will forever serve as a reminder of the bloodshed during that time and for all future wars.

The nationwide memorial poppy campaign was begun by The American Legion and its Auxiliary in 1921. Crepe paper was used for construction of the official poppy. The production of poppies has been made available to the veterans as a way for them to earn some income.

In 1924, the American Legion transferred the National Poppy Program to the Auxiliary.

Many communities distribute poppies the Saturday before Memorial Day and other areas on Veterans Day. Auxiliary volunteers will distribute the familiar red, handcrafted poppies honoring America's war dead May 16-18, designated as "Poppy Days" by the Grayling American Legion Auxiliary Post #106 in Grayling.

The annual event pays tribute to those veterans who have died in the past 77 years. It also honors the millions of Americans who have willingly served their country in those seven decades.

It serves and honors the veteran with all the proceeds from the distribution invested in local programs for the benefit of the veteran and his/her family.

Each nine-piece poppy is made by veterans for veterans in Auxiliary-sponsored Poppy Shops that supplement physical and psychological therapy needed by hospitalized and disabled veterans.

The memorial poppy is never "sold," but given in exchange for a contribution. It has been estimated approximately 25 million Americans wear the poppy to honor America's war dead and all veterans, contributing over \$2 million for rehabilitation and welfare purposes.

Submitted by Linda Munsey, Secretary Elect, American Legion Auxiliary Post #106, Grayling.

Slate of candidates set for August 6

Local candidates who have filed for candidacy by the May 14, 4 p.m. deadline are as follows:

County Commissioners: District #1 - (I) Harold W. Golinick (Rep); District #2 - (I) Scott M. Hanson (Rep); District #3 - (I) Shelley L. Pinkelman (Rep); District #4 (I) Lynnette Corlew (Rep), Mike Lange (Rep); District #5 (new district) Loren J. Goodale (Rep), David J. Stephenson (R), Jay L. Stephan (Ind); District #6 - Rick Anderson (Dem); and District #7 (I) Terry Beardslee (Rep).

Crawford County Sheriff: Kirk Wakefield (Rep) and Tim Coe (Rep).

Road Commissioner: Tom Barnes (Rep), Kathy Black (Rep), and James E. Birtch (Rep).

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Wakefield wants to keep serving as Sheriff

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield has announced he will be seeking to retain his position as Sheriff in the August 6 primary election.

Wakefield, who filed for candidacy on March 19, had served as Undersheriff for the past seven years until he was appointed as Interim Sheriff on February 20 following the retirement of Sheriff David G. Lovely. He was appointed by a unanimous vote of the state mandated committee of Probate and Family Court Judge John Hunter, County Clerk/Register of Deeds Sandra Moore and County Prosecutor John Huss.

In 1979, Wakefield started his law enforcement career with the Howell Police Department, later being hired full-time. Following a lay-off in 1983, he was hired by the Crawford County Sheriff Department as a deputy.

While serving Crawford County, he was promoted to Corporal, Sergeant, and Lieutenant of the Road Patrol Division. After taking a brief leave in 1990 to work for the Holiday Inn of Grayling, he then took a position with the Grayling City Police Department in 1992. In 1995, Wakefield was offered the position of Crawford County Undersheriff and has been serving since.



Sheriff Kirk Wakefield is seeking election to the position he has held since the retirement of Sheriff David Lovely.

Wakefield's law enforcement education began when he graduated from the Flint Police Academy along with several in-service courses, all of which were M.C.O.L.E.S. certified. He holds a supervisor certificate from the Michigan Department of State Police, is a 1997 graduate of Central Michigan University's Law Enforcement Executive Leadership Institute, a certified and active senior tactical officer through Schoolcraft College

and is co-founder of the Northern Michigan Mutual Aid Emergency Response Team.

Sheriff Wakefield is a decorated U.S. Army Vietnam veteran who served in 1970 and 1971. He is a life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, VFW Post 4159 in Roscommon, as were both of his parents.

In addition, he is a member of the Grayling Eagles, Grayling Masonic Lodge, Michigan Sheriffs' Association, National Tactical Officers Association and the National Rifle Association.

In his spare time, he said he enjoys spending time with his grandchildren, biking, jogging and fishing.

"Being Sheriff is a serious job, not to be taken lightly," remarked Wakefield. "One must stand tall and meet the unique problems, head on, here in Crawford County."

"I am moving forward with progressive community policing for our county. We are enacting anti-drug, alcohol and violence education programs into all levels of schools in the hopes of better preparing our children for adulthood."

"The biggest hurdle to overcome is the county budget, which the citizens of Crawford County are aware is very low. I will continue to operate the Sheriff's Office budget in the most effective manner possible and to contribute personally to the protection and well-being of the citizens of our county."

"I am a working, dedicated and professional Sheriff. The men and women who are serving you now are the best I know. I want to keep them here doing what they do best for you. We need to work smarter to make this happen," Wakefield concluded. "Come join me in my community policing efforts to make our home a better place to live."

Miles honored by Rotary on occasion of 100th birthday

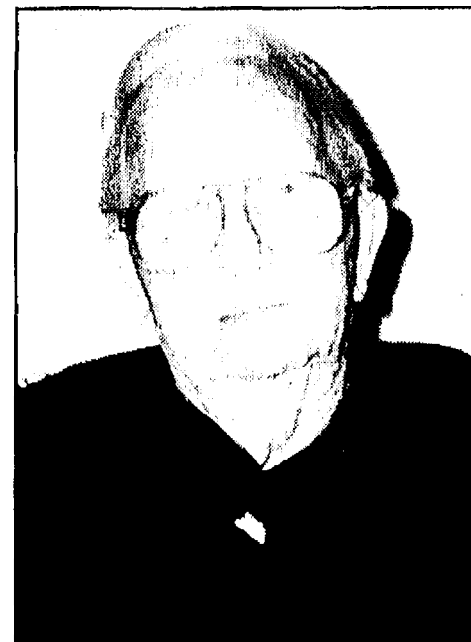
► Nelson A. Miles was instrumental in the start up of local Rotary Club

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

The Grayling Rotary Club honored Nelson A. Miles at their weekly lunchtime meeting last Wednesday to help celebrate his 100th birthday -- May 9.

Rotary Board Member Diane Tompkins-Burch delivered a biographical message covering highlights of Miles' long life to a packed dining room at Patti's Towne House in Grayling. Miles served as Rotary Club president for 1974-75 and was the first recipient of the Paul Harris Fellowship award.

Tompkins-Burch said, crediting an *Avalanche* article penned a few years back by Shirley Schmooch, that Miles was born on May 9 on a farm in Dor, near Holland, the oldest of seven children. He was named after General Nelson Appleton Miles, a commander of the U.S. Army during the Civil War,



Nelson A. Miles

and also a distant relative.

Following his graduation from high school, Miles passed a special exam, allowing him to teach summer school for the salary of \$100 per month. He continued to teach summer school and worked four or five other jobs, including shoveling ashes from coal furnaces to help pay his way through college at Albion. Eventually he was hired as a teller at Stevensville Bank -- one of two employees.

His luck continued when he met Helen and married in 1925. The couple had one son, Robert.

Miles pursued a career in law and soon was persuaded by friends to run for the state legislature. He was elected in 1937 and served five terms. He was the chairman of the House Judiciary Committee during very bad times financial times in America and earned \$3 a day. In 1944, he served as chairman of the House Committee on Impeachment Proceedings when an Upper Peninsula judge was impeached.

Miles also served as general counsel for Holley Carburetor of Warren.

During the early 1970s, Miles and his family moved into a log cabin they maintained in Grayling to retire, but his work was long from over. In 1978, he helped organize Northern National Bank in Grayling and served as chairman until it became Chemical Bank North.

He established a general law practice in Grayling, became involved with the Chamber of Commerce and helped save Bear Mountain (now Hanson Hills). The Kiwanis and newly-formed Grayling Rotary Club also helped with elbow grease and

fund-raising.

Miles once said, "I never intended to get rich from practicing law; I just wanted to help people." He said he and his wife had been very fortunate over the years, with many wonderful friends here in Crawford County and elsewhere. He said, "It's just natural to return some of the good fortune and experience to others."

Recently, Miles made a \$10,000 donation to help build the new Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library. He was unable to attend the Rotary's celebration, but Tompkins-Burch concluded by saying, "It certainly can be said that Nelson is a man who, throughout his life, truly served his community and all of humanity."

Tompkins-Burch and her husband, current Rotary Club President Jim Burch, left after the meeting to deliver a 100th birthday card, signed by several club members, to Miles who is staying at Mercy Manor.

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Calling all seniors: free cell phones are for you!

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

The call went out last month for those with older model, working cellular telephones to donate them to a good cause: the safety and security of our senior citizens.

Wendy's Restaurant franchisee Bob Wright initiated the program to help put a means to dial 911 in the hands of senior citizens in the case of an emergency. Dozens of people answered the call and turned in about 100 phones that will be distributed this Friday, May 17 at the Grayling restaurant.

"We are 'hooking up' individuals who may sometimes find themselves in vulnerable positions with a means to call for help," said Wright. "Any seniors interested in getting one of these phones should come to Wendy's on Friday, between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.," he said.

The phones will be distributed on

a first-come, first-served basis. Wright also invites low-income households with no telephone to come in that day and get a telephone -- to be used for emergency calls only -- while the supply lasts.

Grayling City Police Chief Karl Schreiner and Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield will be on hand, with support from Cellular One, to help Wright give seniors and others instruction on how to use the phones.

Only calls to 911 can be made on

the phones, unless the new owner decides to purchase a calling plan from one of many services available locally. Wright said some of the phones will allow the user to place credit card or collect calls, some do not.

Anyone interested in receiving a free used cellular phone, but who can not make it to Wendy's on Friday may call or stop in at the Sheriff's Office or Grayling City Police to make arrangements to receive one.

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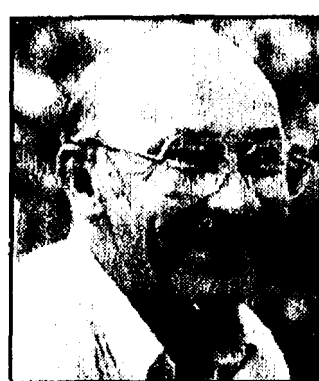
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OPINIONS



ALMANACK

by Richard Milliman

Big changes headed for state government

DURING ELECTION years, the cry of "it's time for a change" usually rings throughout the land, mainly coming from those who are out of office seeking to replace those who are in office.

In Michigan next year, there really will be a big change in Lansing, regardless of who wins and who loses the November election.

The Michigan term limit amendment, submitted by petition of voters in 1992 and adopted by a large majority, has now reached its full potential.

The amendment establishes limits of two four-year terms for governor and lieutenant governor, secretary of state, attorney general and state senate, and three two-year terms for state house members.

The state house has been operating under term limits for a couple of elections now, but it's the first time

for the four-year termers.

Gov. John Engler, after 12 years in the front office, can't run again, nor can Candice Miller who has been eight years as secretary of state.

LI. Gov. Dick Posthumus and Atty. Gen. Jennifer Granholm both could fill those jobs again, but both are running for governor instead. However, if either loses their party primary, the option legally would be open to run for their jobs again.

In any event, the executive branch of state government will see massive changes with lots of new faces in charge.

SIMILAR TURNOVER faces the legislature.

The senate is hit by term limits for the first time, and 27 of 38 members are barred from re-election.

In the house, 23 of 110 members

who escaped term limitation in the last two elections hit the magic number and can't run again.

Once in public office, however, many politicians find it tough to give it up. For example:

Forty present house members -- including many of the 23 victims of term limits -- are running for the senate and a handful of term-limited senators are running for house seats.

One member of congress wants to return to the state senate, from which he was sent to Washington several years ago. U.S. Rep. James Barcia of Bay City, faced with loss of much of his present election base by redistricting, chose not to go up against U.S. Rep. Dale Kildee of Flint in a dog fight to stay in Congress. Instead, Mr. Barcia will try to get back into his old Lansing seat.

A few state legislators are trying to go the other way, running for the U.S. senate or house.

Also unwilling to retire to private life are dozens of term-limited state lawmakers who will run for county commissions or other local offices, offering the public their experience and expertise at a different level of government.

Then there's the name game. Several relatives of term limited legislators are running for their family vacated seats, seeking to carry on the family tradition in the state capitol.

PROBLEMS FACING incoming state officials in January are huge.

In addition to declining tax revenues, a faltering economy and potentially gigantic budget deficits, local schools are in trouble, highways need fixing, public health

faces crises, and on and on.

Will the new legislature be up to the task?

The Detroit News in a recent story figured the 27 departing state senators will deprive the state of a collective 333 years of legislative experience.

Arguments over term limits usually center on the loss of experience and institutional memory, versus an infusion of new ideas and new approaches.

While experience on the job can be important, it's also well to bear in mind that new folks elected to the house and senate come with credentials of their own -- many earned in local government or private enterprise. They didn't just fall off a turnip truck.

The Lansing bureaucracy stays in place, and provides a huge depository of experience, expertise and insti-

tutional memory. Lawmakers always have called on legislative staff and state bureaus and departments for guidance and aid.

The problems are daunting, but breakdown of the lawmaking process because of departure of long time members through term limits is most unlikely.

Besides, a question comes to mind: Haven't they been running things while these problems developed?

Maybe some new blood will be helpful. Maybe it's time for a change.

Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman, and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

EDITOR

Shelter cleanup: a satisfying experience

To the editor,

Many people came out and helped do the spring cleanup at the Animal Shelter the weekend of May 4-5. The weather was perfect and spirits were high.

Everyone who came jumped right in with rakes, shovels, hammers, paint brushes and scrub brushes. After much cleaning and scrubbing, we removed a winter's worth of grime and dirt.

The wooden shade houses were rebuilt and painted. The yards were raked and all the holes filled. The kennels and doghouses were all

cleaned and made ready for the summer.

Volunteers from six to 60-plus years old pitched in and made the weekend a big success. I am proud to have been a part of it all and would gladly do it again.

We can be pleased and satisfied that this shelter is a safe place for animals in need and that our efforts have helped to make that place just a little bit better.

Cheryl Postma
Grayling

Legion Post offers proper flag disposal

To the editor,

An often asked question is "what do we do with our American Flag when it becomes worn and unserviceable?"

American Legion Post 106 will be taking care of that problem with a Flag Disposal Ceremony at the Post on James Street in Grayling at 10 a.m., Saturday, June 15.

Anyone who has an American Flag that is no longer serviceable may take it to the Post prior to June 15 or bring it to the ceremony.

Anyone who needs a new flag can find them available at the Post, also.

Arthur R. Thayer
Post 106 Chaplain
Grayling

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HEALTHLINE

by Linda Demarchis, M.S., Health Educator

Preventing problems while party planning

This column is presented as a public service to the community by District Health Department Number 10 which serves a ten county area. If you have any questions you would like to see answered, please call or write the Health Department in your county.

QUESTION: Our family will be planning several graduation open houses, bridal showers and reunions this summer. We would like to prepare some of the hot foods ahead of time, then reheat them the next day at the party. Could be have a problem doing this?

SIGNED: Punctual-party-planner

ANSWER: Spring and summer are the ideal times for big family get-togethers. The weather is warm

so many activities can be planned for our-of-doors.

Preparing food in advance for these activities requires adequate knowledge on the part of the entertainer who must cook, cool and reheat large quantities of food in a safe manner. Otherwise, there is always the possibility of bacteria growing in large containers of food, causing an outbreak of food borne illness among the party guests.

If large containers of food such as Sloppy Joes, chili, soup, etc. are cooked before the event and stored, they must be cooled at such a rate that all portions of the mixture drop to 45F degrees in four hours or less. Cooling large quantities of food inadequately is one of the main causes of food borne illness in this country.

There are two ways to cool a large quantity of food safely:

First, divide the food into shallow containers no more than four inches deep and refrigerate them until cold. Using shallow containers to cool hot food is especially important when the food is quite thick and difficult to stir during the cooling process.

A second method is to place the hot food container in a large sink that has been filled with ice. Ice should be up to the level of the food. Water is added to the ice and the food is stirred frequently to equalize the cooling process. As the ice melts, more ice is added to the sink. It is wise to check the temperature of the food frequently and if the food is not cooling fast enough, switch the food into shallow containers. Remember, the temperature

of the food must be reduced to 45F degrees within the four hour limit.

After using either method, the food is then transferred into the refrigerator and kept cold until ready to heat and serve.

Although these methods may seem time consuming and a nuisance, they are important and necessary to follow to prevent illness among your party guests.

Other food preparation safety tips can be obtained by calling the food sanitarian at your local Health Department. Their advice is especially important if your organization is planning a dinner or fund raising event that is open to the public. Then you should inquire about applying for a temporary food service license if you are organizing such an event.

Animal bite prevention: focus of Health Dept.

Every now and then a boy and his dog can be a story with an unhappy ending.

Last year, more than 750,000 people in this country were treated for animal bites. Half were children, the most vulnerable being boys between the ages of five and nine.

In Crawford County, there were 38 bites reported, 30 by dogs, six from cats, one from a fox, and one from a bat. So far this year, there have been 11 reported bites.

May 19-26 is Bite Prevention Week, a good time to educate children about the dangers of certain animal behavior.

The Grayling Hospital for Animals and the Roscommon Veterinary clinic offer a bite-prevention program, which is present-

ed to elementary schools in Roscommon, Frederic, and Grayling. It is also a part of the Crawford County Junior Deputy program.

Any youth organization interested in this presentation as a community service is asked to call Shirley Scott, veterinary practice manager at the Grayling Hospital for Animals, at (989) 348-8622, during normal business hours.

Remarkably, only 10 percent of all bites are inflicted by animals unknown to the victim. After a bite occurs, the individual should seek medical attention immediately, not only for the possibility of rabies, but for possible infection and tetanus. Also, the incident must be followed up by the county health department and animal con-

trol so that a thorough investigation ensures the safety of the victim.

The animal needs to be confined and observed for possible health problems and, possibly tested for rabies.

Last year in Michigan, there were 47 animals predominantly bats, that tested positive for rabies. But domestic animals and pets can get rabies from wild animals underscoring the importance of vaccinating pets and livestock. Rabies is spread through the saliva of the rabid animal, through bites and scratches. It can pass through open cuts, wounds, eyes, nose and mouth.

Never approach or handle wild animals, even injured or dead. If you have to capture a bat in your

home, follow these directions:

- Always close the doors, windows, and closets. Turn off the lights and wait for the bat to land.

- Wear thick gloves and cover the bat with a coffee can or hard container. Slide a piece of cardboard under the container, effectively trapping the bat. Tape the container shut and contact the local health department.

- If there has been any contact between a bat, person or their pet, the bat should be captured and sent via the health department, for testing at the state lab for the rabies virus.

Call you local health department for more information: District Health Department - Crawford County, 348-7800; Roscommon County, 366-9166.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Every letter must be signed and an address and telephone number must be included to be considered for publication. Letters will not

be published without the author's name. Telephone numbers are not published.

All letters are subject to editing and will be printed as space allows.

Deadline for submission of letters to the editor is Friday at noon for consideration for publication in the following week's paper.

AVALANCHE DEADLINES

Community Briefs items submitted to The Avalanche must be turned in to the office by Monday noon, to appear in that week's issue.

Photographs must be turned in to the office by noon on Friday for consideration in the next issue.

News Items and letters should be submitted on 8 1/2-x-11 inch paper, typed, and double-spaced.

Handwritten items must also have ample space between each line; on lined

paper use every other line.

Classified ads by the word must be turned in by Tuesday noon and have to be paid for in advance or they will not be published.

Classified display ads must be turned in by Monday noon.

Full page, half page, or color display ads must be turned in by Thursday at 5 p.m.

The deadline for all display ads smaller than a half page is Friday at 5 p.m.

BRIEFS

Mother and Daughter Banquet planned

The Burning Bush Tabernacle, 501 E. Michigan Avenue in Grayling, will host its annual Mother and Daughter Banquet on Friday, May 17 at 6 p.m. Following the meal, the ladies will hear a timely message concerning the book of Esther presented by a guest speaker. Mothers and daughters of all ages are welcome and encouraged to attend. For more information, call Pastor Petrie at 348-1278.

12th Annual Kite Day: fun for all ages

Grayling Recreational Authority (GRA) and Dr. Dami of Grayling Chiropractic Clinic will host the 12th Annual Kite Day at Hanson Hills Recreation Area on Saturday, May 18 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Free kites and refreshments will be available while supplies last. Bring the entire family for this fun-filled event. For more information on this and other events offered by GRA, call 348-9266.

St. John Ladies to host lunch/card party

The Ladies of St. John Lutheran Church will host a luncheon and card party on Wednesday, May 22 in the Fellowship Hall of the church located at 710 Spruce Street in Grayling. Lunch will be served at 12 noon, followed by card games. Everyone is welcome. For more information, call 348-9169.

Township/County policing to be discussed

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield and Grayling Township Supervisor Terry Wright will be at the Grayling Township Hall on Thursday, May 23, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon, to help answer any questions citizens may have regarding the township and county policing activities.

Rotary Pot of Gold winners named

The Grayling Rotary Club's Pot of Gold raffle winners for May are: Randy Thompson - \$100; George Stancil - \$50; and Lucy Fritz - \$25.

Ostomy support group to meet

The Straits Area Ostomy Association support group will hold its regular meeting on Sunday, May 19, at 2 p.m., in the Private Dining Room at Mercey Hospital in Grayling. All ostomates and interested persons are invited to attend. Call (989) 821-5721 for further information.

Booster Club announces raffle winners

The Grayling Youth Booster Club 50/50 raffle winners of \$25 each for the week of May 12 were Holly Plutko, C.F. Bryans, Jim Ryan, Reda Francisco.

Sign up for free Boating Safety School

A complimentary Boating Safety School will be held on Saturday, May 18 at the Crawford County Sheriff's Office, 200 West Michigan Avenue, from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Participants should be at least 12 years of age. To register, call the Sheriff's Office at (989) 348-4616, ext. 345.

Kirtland offers online orientation class

Everything you always wondered about online classes, but were afraid to ask, is now available in a free class offered by Kirtland Community College.

If you want to find out if online classes are for you, "Introduction to Blackboard" is a non-credit, free course designed to increase student success with online learning at KCC by using the Blackboard course delivery software.

Software and other requirements: An Internet connection, Internet Explorer V5 or Netscape V5 (or higher). Students must have basic computer, Internet and e-mail skills prior to taking this orientation. This is a one-week class. It will be offered free to anyone during the summer for the weeks of June 18, June 25 and July 30. For the fall semester, it's available the weeks of

September 10 and 24, October 15, November 12, and December 10.

For those signing up for online classes, this class will be a requirement and students will automatically be placed in the class. This is a non-academic class not found in the schedule of courses. For students taking academic classes you will be placed in the course prior to the start of your class.

The above dates are for those individuals interested in finding out about online courses.

Students signing up for online classes should review the online orientation at the following URL: http://kosmo.kirtland.cc.mi.us/distancelearning/welcome_to_the_online_orientation.htm

Questions should be directed to Lori Loveland via e-mail loriloveland@voyager.net.

Everyone invited to Square Dance Festival

The Northwest Michigan Spring Square & Round Dance Festival will be celebrating its 47th Annual Festival this year, May 17-19.

The festival runs from 7:45 p.m. on Friday through Sunday, May 19 at 5 p.m. and will be held at St. Francis High School, 123 East 11th Street in Traverse City.

Nationally-known square dance callers, Ron Libby and Steve Kopman will be featured. Round Dance eues will be Jerry and Barbara Pierce.

Workshops will be held in the mornings and afternoons, both Saturday and Sunday, for the dancers. Dancing on Friday and

Saturday night will go until 11 p.m. and will also be held Sunday afternoon.

Square dancing is fun. People from all walks of life and all ages enjoy it. It is also very good physical activity. Square dancing is an international activity, and there are clubs in all parts of the world. However, all square dancing is called in English.

Everyone is invited to come and observe the dancing and colorful outfits that dancers wear. At least 500 dancers are expected to participate in this event.

For more information, call Len or Marlene Stokes at (231) 585-6122.

College offers new CIS programs

Davenport University will offer two new associate degree programs in the Computer Information Systems field. Beginning Fall 2002, students can enroll in courses leading to the Associate of Business Administration (ABA) degree in either Computer Networking Technology or Systems Application Development.

"Both of these new programs will give students an extra edge in today's job market. They offer practical skills that can be immediately applied on the job and the opportunity to pursue professional certification. Systems Application Development students will learn the latest programming languages while Computer Networking Technology graduates will be prepared to test for certification as Microsoft Certified,

Systems Administrator (MCSA) and Cisco Certified Network Associate (CCNA)," explained Terri Lukshaitis, Accounting/CIS Department Chair.

Peter Raphael, Executive Director of Davenport's Northern Michigan Operations added that the new University Center at Gaylord is the perfect place to add these programs. "Not only is the new facility an excellent environment for technology based training, but the local market has suggested a need for employees with these skills," Raphael said. "We are very pleased with the new University Center and are looking forward to introducing more people."

The University Center is located at 80 Livingston Boulevard in Gaylord.

Scholarships available for young entrepreneurs

The National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB) Education Foundation has developed a scholarship program - NFIB Free Enterprise Scholars - for high school seniors who have demonstrated entrepreneurial spirit and initiative.

The program is the first of many which the Foundation will implement to encourage young people to consider a career in small business and pursue their own entrepreneurial endeavors.

"Many students have a dream of owning and operating their own business. We want to reward that entrepreneurial spirit and encourage them to believe in their dreams and themselves," said Susan Ridge, Executive Director of the NFIB Education Foundation.

"Small business is the foundation of a strong and viable economy, and education plays a significant role in developing successful men and women. Our members recognize the need to support those men and women who have the potential to become the next generation of small business owners. Therefore, we're proud to be able to support this level of commitment," Ridge continued.

To be nominated for a Free

Enterprise Scholars award, an applicant must be nominated by an NFIB member and meet the following criteria:

- Eligibility is limited to those entering their freshman year of an accredited two- or four-year university/college, community college or vocational/technical institute.

- Applicants must meet or exceed academic standards, using standardized test scores (ACT/SAT), class rank and GPA as indicators.

- Applicants will be asked to describe their involvement in extracurricular activities and/or community activities as well as any special recognition or honors.

- Applicants will be asked to answer two short, personal questions defining their entrepreneurial efforts and compose an essay of 500 words or less about the importance of free enterprise.

The Free Enterprise Scholars Program will award a minimum of 100 non-renewable scholarships, each for \$1,000. Applications for the first awards will be available in late fall, 2002.

For more information about the NFIB Education Foundation is available on-line at www.nfibeducationfoundation.org.

Donations needed for benefit dinner

A benefit spaghetti dinner is being planned to help the Tackett-True family following the loss of their home to a devastating fire in late April.

Besides the ingredients for spaghetti with meat sauce, on the menu will be breadsticks, tossed salad, homemade desserts, coffee, iced tea or other soft drinks for children.

Family friend Annette Fryer said donations of ingredients for the meal and desserts are needed. Anyone who can help, may call her at 344-9476 or Sharon France at 348-2097 to make a donation.

OMH hosts Teddy Bear Clinic May 18

Otsego Memorial Hospital invites elementary-age children to a Teddy Bear Clinic, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., on Saturday, May 18.

During the clinic, children will receive a free stuffed toy, which will be "examined" by a medical staff person under the child's observation. The children are also invited to dress up in traditional doctors' and nurses' garb.

Other activities during the event include door prize drawings, a guessing game with x-rays on a light box, rooms with hospital displays, a hand washing demonstration and more.

Each child will have the opportunity to make a craft and receive a coloring book.

"This is an opportunity for children to learn a little more about their health and really have fun doing it," said Mary King, OMH Health Education Coordinator.

The Teddy Bear Clinic is free and open to the public. Pre-registration is not required. For more information call (989) 731-2343.

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The Bible Speaks

Socialist America?

Marxists differs only in their speed and methods of operation, but they share a common goal. As you read the words of Gus Hall's 1/1/1996 speech published by the Communist Party, USA: as edited below, please compare his political philosophy with that of liberals within our own government today:

"We Communists believe that socialism is the very best replacement for a capitalist system that has served its purpose, but no longer meets the needs and requirements of the great majority of our people."

"We believe that socialism USA will be built according to the traditions, history, culture and conditions of the United States. Thus, it will be different from any other socialist society in the world. It will be uniquely American."

"Socialism USA will benefit from the experiences, the mistakes and successes of the countries who built and are building socialism. But mainly it will reflect the distinctive features of U.S. development and environment. Unique historical advantages, like the unequalled natural resources, fertile soil and perfect weather, coupled with the contributions of generations of working people, enabled U.S. capitalism to achieve higher productive levels and living standards than capitalism in other countries. So, too, the development of socialism here will

have some distinct advantages."

"We have a highly developed industrial society with a highly trained and educated work force. Free from foreign intervention, socialism will not have to divert human and economic resources to defend itself. Socialism USA will avoid the terrible problems of extreme poverty, illiteracy, civil wars, wars of intervention and world wars. Socialism USA will extend democracy to its fullest, taking as its starting point the democratic traditions and institutions of the American people."

"We say that it may be possible in the U.S. to bring socialism through peaceful means. Perhaps through the ballot box. One thing is clear, there won't be socialism in the U.S. until the majority of the American people want it."

"I like to say that when workers enter the corporate board rooms to take over and the ruling class says: O.K. you're right, we made a mess of things and now you should run it all. Well then there won't be any trouble. But if the ruling class says: Forget it! And call out the Army and the Police and the National Guard, then that is how revolutions become violent. It starts with the ruling class. Workers and their allies have to defend themselves and to fight for what is rightfully theirs." (Divide and Conquer?)

"Socialism is our vision for

America's future. It is a vision we are winning more and more people to because it is logical - really a great - replacement for capitalism. And because it is the next inevitable step up the ladder of human civilization." Do most American liberals and moderates think the same way?

Will we defend America's economic freedom based upon our faith in God-given unalienable rights of life, liberty, and property for every person, or will we lose our freedoms to Marxism? Pastor B

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Frederic church has many plans

The First Baptist Church of Frederic will host missionaries, Terri and Denise Domstad, who will share their stories of interesting works in Thailand through words and slides on Sunday, May 19 during services at 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Child Evangelists Barth and Sally Middleton will minister to the younger set with stories, songs and games on Sunday, May 26 at the 9:45 a.m. and 11 a.m. services. The 11 a.m. service will be followed by a pot luck meal. Everyone is invited to come and meet some new

friends during this time of fun and fellowship.

Boys and girls are invited to enroll for upcoming Vacation Bible School. This year's program is titled, "We're Going to Space," and will be held June 24-28. More information will be available soon.

Mikenauk Chorale seeking members

A re-organizational meeting of the Mikenauk Chorale took place Monday April 29, at the Roscommon High School. Fifteen interested vocalists met with Doug Armstead, Roscommon High School Vocal Music Director and new director for the Mikenauk, to

brainstorm start-up and recruiting ideas.

The Chorale, inactive for the last few years, has enjoyed a long history in Roscommon County. Under the direction of James Mahoney, the community enjoyed performances of classical music, show tunes and

holiday music. Anyone interested in joining the Mikenauk Chorale can attend Monday rehearsals at 7 p.m. in the Roscommon High School Choir room. Any questions may be directed to Doug Armstead at 275-6675 during the day or 821-3775, evenings. Everyone is invited.

MILITARY NEWS

Army Spec. Matthew A. McKee has graduated from the U.S. Army Primary Leadership Development Course (PLDC) at Fort Knox, KY.

The five week course is designed to train soldiers in basic leadership and communications/counseling skills, supply and maintenance, and military professional skills to perform duties and execute responsibilities of junior noncommissioned officers; train and lead soldiers to work and fight under supervision of the battle-competent, first-level noncommissioned officer. The course included written and physi-

cal fitness tests, a field training exercise, land navigation, and military studies.

McKee is an armor crewman assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, 1st Battalion, 16th Cavalry at Fort Knox.

He is the son of Sharon A. Hall and stepson of Thomas J. Hall of Grayling. The specialist is a 1997 graduate of Grayling High School.

Todd A. McCarver has joined the United States Army under the Delayed Entry Program. The pro-

gram gives young men and women the opportunity to delay entering active duty for up to one year.

McCarver will report to Fort Knox, KY for basic training. He is the son of Cheryl McCarver of Grayling.

Mike T. Phipps, Army National Guard Pvt. has arrived at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Aberdeen Md., to complete the wheeled vehicle repairer advanced individual training (AIT) course.

Pvt. Phipps is the son of Terry A. Phipps of Grayling.

ONE STEP FORWARD...

"One step forward... then another and another... each step more confident than the last... that's right... hold your head up; step firmly and proudly without faltering... you're almost there, on the stage..."

That's the way it starts... one step forward. "Nothing can stop me now." As time goes on, you continue to step ahead. Yet, one day you take a step or two back. "Wait, this isn't supposed to happen. Nobody warned me! What's wrong here?"

Nothing is wrong. It is called "life". You learn from every success, and more from every failure when you let it guide you, not discourage you.

Most importantly, have a strong relationship with your Heavenly Father, for life takes you to unfamiliar places. "Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength, they will run and not be weary, they will walk and not be faint." (Isaiah 40:30-31)

Worship this week. God is waiting to guide you.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
John 15:16-15	John 16:16-33	John 20:19-31	John 21:1-19	Acts 1:1-11	Acts 1:12-26	Ezekiel 11:14-25

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2nd & 4th Wednesday 7 pm
Sunday School 10:30 am

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Pastor Jeffrey Jagers
400 Michigan Ave. • 348-2974
Website: www.mmm-umc.org
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Sunday Worship .. 8:30 & 11 am
Sunday School-
Sept. - May
Adult Sunday School .. 9:45 a.m.
Children's Sunday School .. 11am
(Childcare Available during 11:00 service)
Bible Study (Wed) 10:30am

Seventh Day Adventist
Pastor Jeff Arthur
Phone 989-275-1061
Services held Saturday at
Camp AuSable off M-72 East
(1st building on right inside camp entrance)
Church Service
Saturday 9:30 am
Sabbath School
Saturday 10:30 am
Prayer Meeting
Tuesday 7 pm

Lovells Chapel
Pastor Rev. D. Dean Coursey
Sunday School 10 am
Chapel Service 11 am
Wednesday
Prayer Meeting 7-8 pm

Free Methodist
Joseph Carpenter - Pastor
Daniel Baldermann-Associate Pastor
6652 (M-72 W.) • 348-9093
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Early Service 8:30 am
Sunday School 10 am
Morning Service 11 am
Prayer Meeting (Wednesday) 7 pm

Emma Lowery United Church Of Christ
3474 West Park Road, Luzerne
Sunday Worship 11 am
Adult and Youth
Sunday School 9:30 am

Heritage Baptist
Pastor Ernie Wagner 348-1411
1841 Hartwick Pines Rd.
1/4 mile west of I-75
Sunday School 9:45 am
Morning Worship 11 am
Evening Worship 6 pm
Wednesday 7 pm

Grayling Assembly of God
Rev. Ron Voelker, Pastor
701 S. I-75 Business Loop
Church 348-8885
Parsonage 348-2588
Sunday School 9:30 am
Morning Worship 10:30 am
Evening Service 6 pm
Wednesday - Family Night
Adult-Youth-Children 7 pm

The Church of Christ with the Elijah Message
Pastor Paul Rolfe
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Sunday
Worship 10 am & 7 pm
Wed. Prayer Service 7 pm

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
President George D. Rasin
600 North Elm Street, Gaylord
Sacrament 10 am
Sunday School 11 am
Primary 11 am
Priesthood 12 noon
Relief Society 12 noon

Burning Bush Tabernacle
Pastor Patricia Petrie, 348-1278
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Sunday School 10 am
Sunday Service &
Children's Church 11 am
Sunday Evening Service 6 pm
Monday Prayer Meeting 7 pm
Wednesday Bible Study 7 pm

St. John Lutheran (ELCA)
Pastor Wayne Knoekel
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Community of Christ
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Midweek Service Prayer 7 pm

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Morning Worship 10:30 am
Evening Worship 6 pm
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Wednesday 7 pm
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TV 29 & 8 9 am
Sunday Classes 10 am
Sunday Worship 11 am
Sunday Evening 6 pm
Wednesday
Mid-Week Bible Study 7 pm

Abundant Life Tabernacle
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348-5325
Sunday School 10 am
Worship 11 am & 6:00 pm
Wednesday Evening 7 pm

Grayling Baptist Church
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Pastor Terry Colby
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348-2557
Sunday School 9:45 am
Morning Worship 11 am
Evening Service 6 pm
Wednesday Service 7 pm

Bear Lake Christian
M-72 & East Bear Lake Rd.
Sunday School 9 am
Sunday Service 10 am

Luzerne Baptist
Pastor James Durfee
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Sunday School 10 am
Sunday Morning Worship 11 am
Sunday Evening Worship 6 pm
Wednesday Bible Study 7 pm

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Beaver Creek Library

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Daddy's Little Girl by Mary Higgins Clark; *Goddess of Night, The Sacrifice and Into the Fire* all by Lynne Ewing; *Jackdaws* both in book and audio by Ken Follett; *Ralph Mouse Collection* by Beverly Cleary; *State Seals* by David Armentrout; *Three Weeks in Paris* by Barbara Taylor Bradford; *The Fourth Perimeter* both in book and audio by Tim Green; *One for the Money, Two for the Dough, Three to Get Deadly and Seven Up* all by Janet Evanovich; *Clan of the Cave Bear* by Jean M. Auel; *Death Rides a Chestnut Horse, Shadow of a Moose, and Whiskey River* all by Ralph Compton; *Disney's Princess Treasury, Eeyore's Mail Surprise, by Rita Balducci; Everything's Eventual* by Stephen King; *The Gathering* by William X. Kienzle; *GED Basics* by Nancy Lawrence; *Kovel's Antiques and Collectibles* by Ralph Kovel; *Last Time They Met and Sea Glass* both by Anita Shreve; *Lyle Official Antiques Review* by Anthony Curtis; *Midnight Runner* by Jack Higgins; *Piglet's Picnic and Pooh's Perfect Presents* both by Nancy Parent; *Short Forever* by Stuart Woods; *Tigger Finds a Bow* by Disney; and *Tishomingo Blues* by Elmore Leonard.

The ASVAB and GED books require a \$10 deposit on them to check out, and the deposit will be returned when the book is returned.

More books are being purchased and will be on the shelves soon.

The Beaver Creek township Library is located at 8888 S. Grayling Road inside the Beaver Creek Township Hall. The hours of operation are Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays for 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Any questions, call 275-2808.

Register now for Mercy's Holistic Health Celebration

► Enhancing, Healing of Body, Mind and Spirit focus of 2-day event

Mercy Hospital Grayling will be the host of a statewide conference, "Holistic Health Celebration: Healing of Mind, Body and Spirit," to be held June 21-22 at the hospital. It is open to anyone who wants to learn and incorporate holistic health concepts into their lives.

The program will feature keynote speaker, Steven Thiry, MD, Chair of the Family Practice Department at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor, presenting information on Integrative Medicine. Additionally, participants will be offered opportunities to attend educational sessions on such topics as Writing to Wellness, Herbs in Modern Medical Practice, Finding Your Spirit Animal, Bio-Energy Healing, A Women's Life - Is It All Hormonal?, NIA Body Work Women's Health.

Spirituality and Yoga.

Opportunities will be provided for participants to connect with Native American Healers, visit with vendors, walk the Labyrinth and tour the Healing Garden. Local artists and musicians will be on-site to entertain and promote their work. Vendors will be on hand to display their products to participants.

Educational credits for health care providers will be available for this event. Participants are expected to be in excess of 300 arriving from both in and out of state. "Holistic Health care is coming to the forefront of our health care system in that it is now recognized that we must address people's health care concerns not just in a physical sense but also involve emotional and spiritual issues for optimal health. This program has something to offer everyone," indicated Jean Umfor, RSM, Holistic Health Department at Mercy Hospital Grayling.

Anyone interested in receiving a program brochure or to register, please contact (989) 348-0428.

Mayor seeking higher office

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Goals need to be set, said Wyman, and then much effort

Jury selection begins in Piehl murder trial

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He said the missing witness is "crucially important and is now believed to be a fugitive in Florida."

Four days have been set aside for the trial.

expended to achieve those goals. "I am willing to work for and serve the people in the 106th District," he said.

U.S. VETERANS!

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A reprint from the Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church monthly newsletter "The Messenger," May 2002.

From the Pastor

I recently read a sermon that included this story told by Dr. Daniel Harrington from a time when he was a missionary in Palestine. It took place a decade ago, but it is eerily relevant today. Dr. Harrington was walking down a street on the West Bank when some Palestinian teenagers began to curse and harass some of the Israeli soldiers not much older than they. As you can guess, things escalated from words to bottles and rocks. Then a shot broke out, and then all hell broke loose. Smoke and fire and bullets were everywhere. Soldiers coming into the battle knocked Dr. Harrington down. As he stood up again, a man carrying a little girl ran through the smoke toward him. The girl's clothes were bloody and she lay limp in the man's arms. "Help me!" screamed the man. "I think she is going to die." Though not a very big man, Dr. Harrington shoved aside soldiers like an NFL lineman. He took the man and the girl to his car and sped through the streets towards the hospital. Leaving the car running and the doors open, they carried the little girl to the emergency treatment area where doctors and nurses immediately took over.

In the waiting room they spoke no words. Their body language and sighs said it all. Some time passed, and finally a doctor appeared at the door to the waiting room. "I'm sorry, she's gone." The doctor said gravely. At that, the man let out a scream and melted to the floor on his knees. Although Dr. Harrington had been in Christian ministry for years, he didn't know what to say. He knelt next to the man and said, "I'm so very sorry that your daughter has been

killed; I can't imagine the grief you must be feeling."

The man gave Dr. Harrington a curious glance. "She was not my daughter." He said, "I am a Palestinian, that girl is a Jew! Until this moment I have hated Jews all my life and now I see I have been terribly wrong! I pray that God will find a way to forgive us all!"

It was a Palestinian man and a Jewish girl in the Middle East. It could have been a Protestant woman and a Catholic boy in Belfast. It could have been an American man and a Muslim girl in New York, or Kabul. It could have been you or me and the child of anyone we have chosen to keep at a distance because they are different. Perhaps bullets don't fly around us, but hurtful words and messages do. We don't throw bottles, but we throw insults and gossip.

When will we learn that love, not violence, is the power that will resolve conflicts and build a bridge over the differences that divide us?

The story also brings up another issue for me - that is in regards to our children. It is children who get hurt. They are easily pulled in to the cycle of our prejudices and fears. Children learn to hate or to love from adults. Children learn to fear or accept from us. Children learn the ways of peace or the ways of violence from us. Let us be mindful (the next time we think of telling a racial joke, or gossip about someone, or lie, or hit, or steal) what we are teaching our children. And, may God forgive us all.

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HeadWaters Land Conservancy to conduct its annual meeting

A representative from Public Sector Consultants will speak at HeadWaters Land Conservancy's June 8 annual meeting on the topic, "What will our current rate of development do to our major industries?" This presentation is based on the final

report of the Michigan Land Resource Project - a study that projects the future of agriculture, forestry, tourism, and mining if present land use trends continue.

Using a land transformation model developed by researchers at Michigan State University, the Michigan Land Resource Project projects the future of Michigan in a mapping format for the years 2020 and 2040. It then features detailed economic forecasts for the land-based industries of agriculture, forestry, tourism, and mining in the state. The economic forecasts were prepared by researchers associated with Michigan State University, the University of Michigan, and Michigan Technological University.

"These industries are important to Michigan. They represent approximately one-third of Michigan's economy," states Al Ahmy of the Michigan Farm Bureau.

"The future of these industries matters to Michigan because in addition to their direct contribution to the economy, they shape the Michigan landscape that creates a quality of life that attracts business and employees," says Jim Barrett, President of the Michigan Chamber of Commerce.

The project was overseen by a diverse advisory group consisting of representatives from the land-based industries and includes Al Ahmy, Michigan Farm Bureau; Jim Barrett, Michigan Chamber of Commerce;

Jim Goodheart, Michigan United Conservation Clubs; Chris MacInnes, Crystal Mountain Resort; Mark Pontti, International Paper; and Bill Taylor, MSU Fisheries and Wildlife.

The Michigan Land Resource Project was funded by grants from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation of Battle Creek and the Frey Foundation of Grand Rapids. The complete report is available on-line at <http://www.publicsectorconsultants.com>.

Among the major findings of the report:

- The state's destination resorts, particularly those in the northern Lower Peninsula, are threatened by encroaching development along the travel corridors that lead to them.

- In order to keep forestry harvesting costs down, access to large parcels is necessary. As the land becomes more fragmented, the price for harvesting Michigan's timber will increase.

- Land available for hunting will dramatically decrease, while "edge" species such as white-tailed deer will continue to increase in numbers.

We are experiencing a phenomenon where mining, agriculture, and forestry are unable to compete with the value of the land for other uses and large contiguous parcels are being fragmented into smaller, less-economically viable blocks.

"Though the trends presented may not be the image of Michigan that we cherish, it's not too late," says Chris

MacInnes, Senior Vice President for Crystal Mountain Resort. "People can make a difference. We can help change these trends and still have time to make important choices. We can support policies and regulatory changes designed to preserve the character of our 37 million acres for the next generation. Or we can accept the status quo."

For more information, to receive a copy of the complete report about the Michigan Land Resource Project, contact Holly Madill at (517) 484-4954.

The annual meeting offers the opportunity to find out more about the heart and soul of HeadWaters Land Conservancy. It will be held Saturday, June 8 at the Ralph A. MacMullan Center (RAM Center) at North Higgins Lake State Park (exit 244 off I-75, go west at the exit) from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Cost is \$7.25 and includes lunch.

The Eagle Buffet will begin at 12 noon, followed by the business meeting at 1 p.m.

Reservations and donations of \$7.25 per person for the meal should be received by the HeadWaters secretary on or before May 25. Nearby parking is available at the RAM Center.

For more information on HeadWaters Land Conservancy's annual meeting, call (989) 731-0573, visit www.headwatersconservancy.org or send an e-mail to headwaters@gtlakes.com.

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The U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps (USNSCC) and U.S. Naval League Cadet Corps (USNLCC) is a nationwide organization dedicated to helping American youth realize personal success and achievement through a nautically oriented training program.

Through Sea Cadet and League Cadet leadership, young Americans ages 11 through 17 develop interest and skill in basic seamanship and its naval adaptations, while learning the value of patriotism, courage, self reliance, teamwork and accountability.

Cadets train aboard U.S. Navy ships and U.S. Coast Guard ships and shore activities, as well as having opportunities for advanced training courses for Sea Cadets like Airman School, SEAL Team Training, FAA Ground School and Flight Training, Amphibious Training, Seabee Indoctrination, Medical Training, Leadership Academy, Submarine School and many more!

Sea Cadets are authorized by the Secretary of the Navy to wear Navy uniforms appropriately marked with

the Naval Sea Cadet Corps insignia. There are some 250 units in operation in almost every state of the union as well as Puerto Rico and Guam, with over 25,000 young Americans participating. Membership in the Sea Cadets and League Cadets allows you to sample military life with no obligation to join any branch of the armed forces. The Naval Sea Cadets and League Cadets Corps affords equal opportunity for participation to all young Americans regardless of race, color, religion or sex.

The Michigan Mountaineers Division of the Naval Sea Cadet Corps and the Trainingship Michigan Division of the Naval League Cadet Corps conducts monthly drill at Camp Grayling, meeting on a weekend from Friday evening through Sunday morning. The Cadets eat, sleep, attend classes, and train as regular military personnel. The class work is based upon the regular courses of study used by the US Navy for training and advancement.

Cadets advance through rank from E-1 (Seaman Recruit) through E-7 (Chief Petty Officer) by completing and passing regular Navy courses in conjunction with two week trainings (TWT). All E-1 personnel must complete the Basic Military Requirements course of study and attend a two week Recruit Training at the Great Lakes Naval Training Center in Great Lakes, IL prior to advancing in rank. Following Recruit Training, shipboard training and advanced training billets become available.

In addition to regular monthly drills throughout the year, the Cadets participate in the Michigan



A U.S. Navy Seal instructor teaches a company of Sea Cadets patrolling techniques at the SeaBee Fighting Challenge.

Regional Flagship Competition in February, The SeaBee Fighting Challenge in April, and the DC Olympics in September with other Divisions within Michigan. The Sea Cadets participate in many parades throughout the summer providing Color Guard services to these events.

This program is connected to the Department of Defense with records retained in Washington DC. These records contain information that will benefit the Cadets should they enlist when they become of age. All branches of the military (with the exception of the Air Force) recognize the USNSCC training as the Cadets enter Basic Training with the general knowledge of military life, customs and procedures. These former Cadets will enter the service with a rank and pay grade as an E-3. These cadets therefore have a head start on future advancements over

the regular enlisted personnel.

Local divisions are also looking for adult volunteers for the Officer Corps. Military background is beneficial but not required. As with all youth programs, the Sea Cadet Corps needs volunteers of all skills from those willing to teach, those who can help in the galley preparing meals, those with organizational skills for coordinating the comings and goings of the Cadets through the Training Cycles.

For more information on the Naval Sea Cadet Program you can visit the national website on-line at www.seacadets.org or the regional website at www.seacadetsmi.org. If you would like to visit for a weekend drill contact LT Daniel Timney NSCC at (231) 587-9204, LTJG Jon Steinhoff NLCC at (231) 587-5228, or Instructor Ron Feutz NSCC at (989) 348-1138 or email rfeutz@i2k.com.

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Kalynn is a 1985 graduate of Grayling High School and is employed at Shared Care of Gaylord. Charles is a 1986 graduate of Maconaquah High School in Bunker Hill, Indiana, and is employed at Kamp Oil in Gaylord. A November 30 wedding is planned.

Denno, Keller engaged

Tom and Ann Denno of Frederic announce the engagement of their daughter, Helen Denno to Robert Keller.

The parents of the groom are Florence and the late Edward Keller of Hazel Park.

An August 23 wedding is planned.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

The Crawford County Sheriff Department handled the following 87 complaints the week of May 6-12:

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Three burglary - forced entry - residence, one larceny, one forgery of checks, seven damage to property, one family offense/abuse/neglect, 15 public peace/disorderly, 11 health and safety, one conservation, one miscellaneous criminal offense, one miscellaneous arrest, three driving violations/DWLS, etc.

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Movie at 5:30 p.m. - "The Princess Diaries" with Julie Andrews.

Wed. May 22 - Sirlin Tips & Noodles/Brown Steak; Exercise and Line dancing at 10 a.m. and 11 a.m.; Stag Cards at noon and RSVP Cards and Crafts at 1 p.m.

Above all this week remember: Don't envy anybody. Every one of you has something no other person has. Develop that one thing in yourself and make it outstanding! Every accomplishment, great or small, starts with the right decision - "I'll try."

OBITUARIES

Gale D. Watts

Nov. 11, 1938 - May 11, 2002

Gale Dee Watts, age 63, of Frederic, died Saturday, May 11 at Mercy Hospital. He was born to Gaylord Parmeanus and Ellen Lucinda (Marshall) Watts on November 11, 1938 in Lansing.

Mr. Watts married the former Margaret Wyckoff on March 21, 1980 in Manistee. He was a journeyman welder and lived in Denton Township in Houghton Lake until the last 12 years when he moved to Frederic.

He was a former member of the Denton Township Fire Department and Monday Night Pool League. Mr. Watts enjoyed collecting and playing with his model trains.

He also enjoyed playing with his "toys" - his bulldozer and tractor. He enjoyed spending time with his family and grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his parents and brother Terry.

He is survived by his wife Margaret, five daughters: Teri (Greg) Weir of Charlotte, Jaci (Doug) Pothoof of Houghton Lake, Cathy Lone of Chicago, Illinois, Myra (Jim) Franklin of Bay City and Lori (Paul) Rashid of Lansing; three sons: Gerry (Cathy) Watts of Navarre, Florida, Edward (Sonya) Elford of Grayling and Gene (Debbie) Watts of Royal Palm, Florida.

He also leaves behind 24 grandchildren, one sister Mary (Jim) Picken of Lansing and two brothers: Jon (Pat) Watts of Grand Rapids and Hal Watts of Mason.

Memorial services will be at the Frederic Township Fire Department on Wednesday, May 15 at 2 p.m. with Mike Morley, speaker.

Arrangements by Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel, Grayling.

Julienne M. Verhaeghe

May 11, 2002

Julienne Marie (Maertens) Verhaeghe, age 90, of Merritt, North Carolina, formerly of Higgins Lake, Fairhaven and Waters, died Saturday, May 11.

Funeral services will be Friday, May 17 at 11 a.m. at St. Michael Catholic Church of Roscommon. Arrangements by Walsh Funeral Home, Roscommon.

Charles E. Pless

May 5, 2002

Charles E. Pless, age 70, of Roscommon (Beaver Creek Township), died Sunday, May 5.

Funeral services will be Sunday, May 19 at Kechn Funeral Home, Brighton.

Arrangements by Walsh Funeral Home, Roscommon.

In Memory of our fallen brother

Gale Watts

A Fireman's Prayer

When I am called to duty, God,
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And if according to my fate,
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Please Bless with your protecting
hand, my children and my wife.

-Author Unknown

The officers and members
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Fire Department



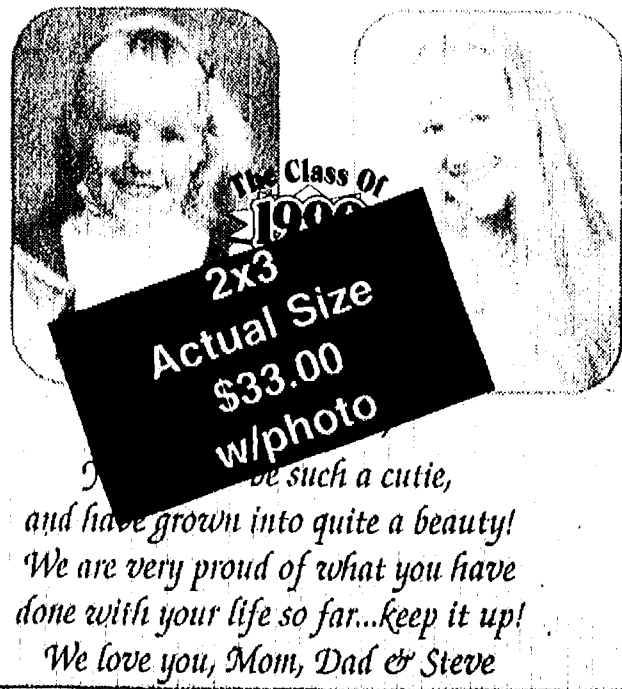
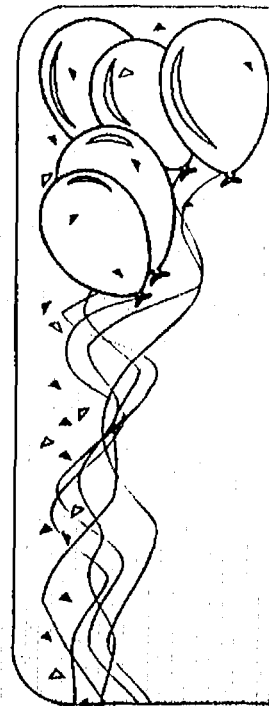
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These pages will be published in the May 30 edition of the Avalanche.

Deadline to have your graduation greeting to be included in this section is Tues., May 21, 2002. Call or stop in our office today.



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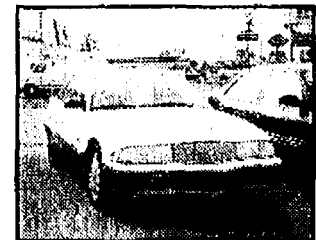
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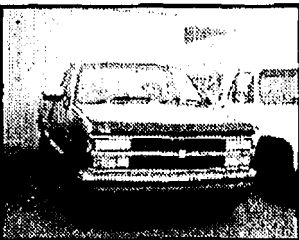
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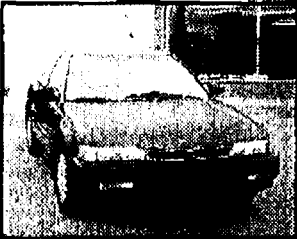
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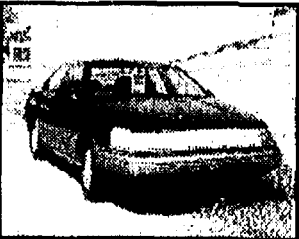
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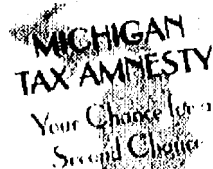
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Grayling Middle School News

Submitted by the Grayling Middle School Parent Involvement Team

The Grayling Middle School Funfest was last Friday, May 10, at Hanson Hills and it was a great success, largely due to all the great help and snacks donated by the parents. We had teachers and staff in the dunk tank, a live band made up of middle school students, lunch served by the cafeteria and tons of snacks. "The Goose" from 106.7 FM arrived at noon and had the place rocking within minutes of setting up. Many kids brought their bikes and fishing poles. Activities included an egg toss with 400 eggs, many tug-of-wars, and many, many trips up and down the hills. It was a great time seeing all the parents, students, teachers and

staff getting along and having fun.

May 14 - The Grayling Middle School Choir held its concert at the High School. It was a wonderful night, with the 6th graders performing the songs they sang at the state festival.

May 17 - The 7th and 8th grade choirs will be traveling to Mackinac Island to attend a choir workshop and then perform, along with other schools. This will be a great opportunity for our choir students. Make sure your child has everything they need for this trip and that you are there to pick them up when they arrive at school Saturday.

May 17 - The 7th graders will be taking a tour of the MTEC center in Gaylord.

May 17 - The last day to charge

lunch and breakfast.

May 21 - The middle school band will be performing at GMS at 7 p.m. Have your child there early and in concert dress.

May 23 - The Leslie/Hinkle team will be doing presentations at Beaver Creek from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. If your child is in this team, make sure they bring a lunch and are dressed for the weather.

Attention parents of 5th graders - the 5th graders will be visiting the middle school on May 23 to check out their new school. Parents will be invited to a coffee hour on June 4 to meet the GMS staff in a casual setting. This will be a great opportunity to meet the teachers, counselors, and the GMS staff so you'll be ready for next year.

May 27 - The 8th grade band will be meeting for a Cedar Point trip at 11 p.m. at the Middle School. After a couple hours of fun and games, they'll be boarding a bus at 1 a.m. so they can arrive at Cedar Point when it opens. Any parents foolish enough to want to volunteer for this trip are welcome to come.

May 28 - The 6th graders will be leaving for 6th grade camp. Make sure you check the list that was sent home for items they will need. From experience, don't forget a raincoat and warm clothes! It's great fun but, no snacks are allowed.

P.I.T. news - We will be planting trees, shrubs and flowers before school is out and we need help. Call Shirley if you can help out at 348-1348.

RANGE FIRING

Range firing scheduled during May 15 through May 21 is as follows:

The Range 40 Air to Ground Complex, located north of County Road 612, east of Guthrie Lake, south of Old State Road 618, and west of County Road F97 (Twin Bridge Road) will be conducting live and inert bombing operations by the

Air National Guard during the following dates and times:

May 15 through May 18 and May 20 and May 21 from 8 a.m. until 11 p.m.

For further information on Air to Ground operations call: (989) 939-8880 or (989) 354-6205.

Small Arms Ranges located west of Lake Margrethe, north of Howe

Road, east of the gas pipeline and south of Portage Creek:

May 15 and May 16 and May 18 through May 21 from 8 a.m. until 11 p.m.

Range 15, located south of the main post, bounded on the west by Cadillac Road and on the east by Carrier Road:

May 15 from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

The Portage Creek Road Bridge, located west of Howe Road, in South Camp is closed for construction.

The Range 30 Complex, located north of North Down River Road, east of Jones Lake Road, south of County Road 612, and west of Bald Hill Truck Trail:

May 18 and May 19 from 7 a.m. until 9 p.m.

In addition, the following roads will be closed May 18 and May 19:

Buck East-West Truck Trail to Wakeley Bridge Road.

Buck East-West Truck Trail from Jones Lake Road to Bald Hill Truck Trail.

Ketchum Truck Trail from Buck East-West Truck Trail to North Down River Road.

Stephan Bridge Road from County Road 612 to North Down River Road.

Wakeley Bridge Road from County Road 612 to North Down River Road.

For further information call 1-800-628-5820.

GRAYLING POLICE REPORT

The Grayling Police Department handled the following 74 complaints during the week of May 5 through May 11:

Three traffic tickets, five traffic accidents, three motorist assist, one felony arrest, three misdemeanor arrests, one personal property collision, six larceny, two malicious destruction of property, two juvenile, six alarms, one disorderly, three harassment, seven traffic warnings, nine suspicious situations, four assist other departments, one civil, four check law violations, two animal control, one attempt to locate, three city ordinance violations, and five unclassified.

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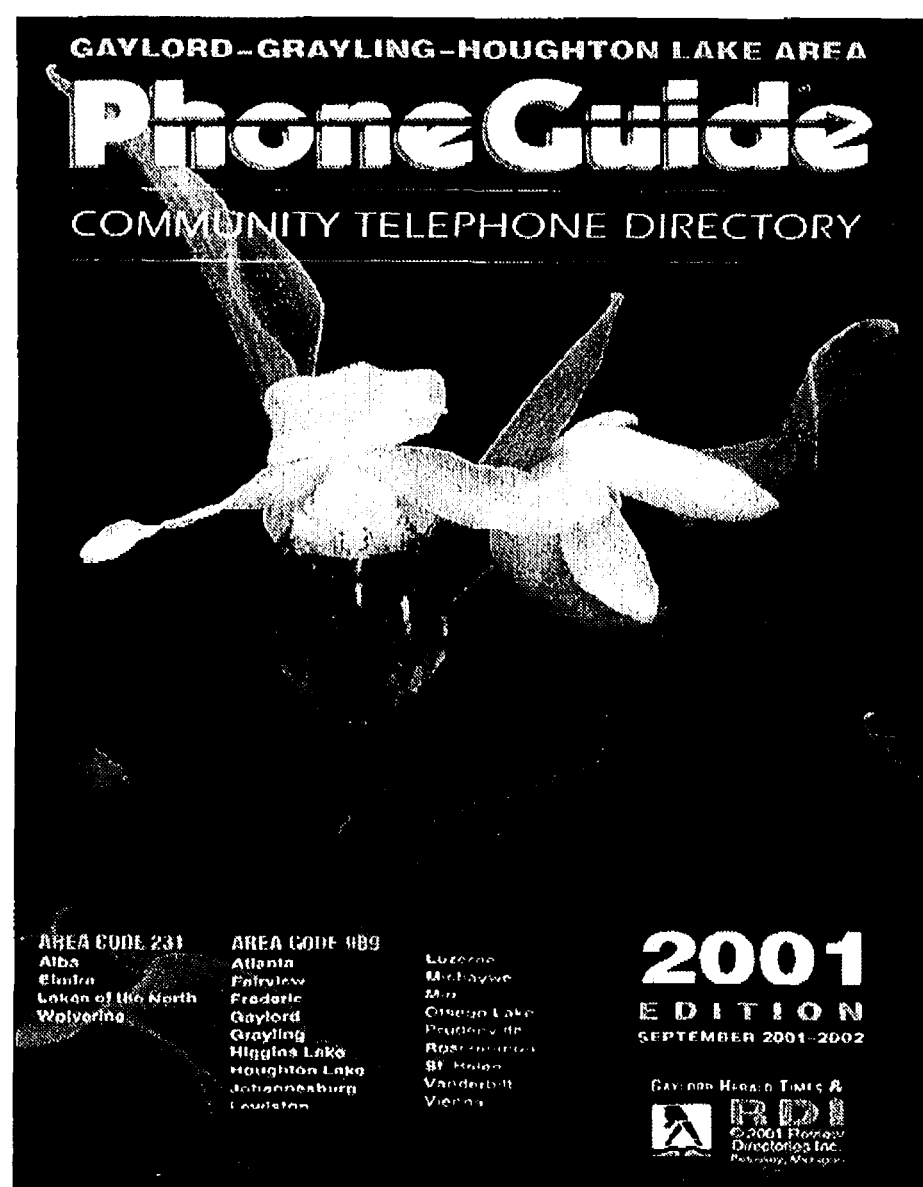
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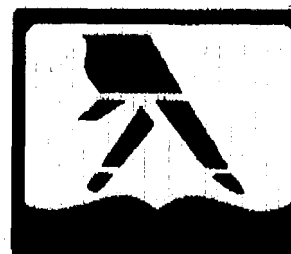
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Vikings sweep Gladwin

► Varsity baseball team posts 9-4, 13-6 wins over visiting Flying G's squad

The Vikings of Grayling High swept a varsity baseball series vs. the Flying G's of Gladwin last Tuesday in Grayling by scores of 9-4 and 13-6.

In Grayling's 9-4 game one victory, Justin Schreiber pitched the complete game for the Vikings. He allowed three hits, four walks, and struck out nine.

"Justin was able to establish two pitches early on. He was throwing his curve for strikes and set up his fastball. He was outstanding in the second, fifth and sixth innings," said Coach Duane VanDrese. "He did a much better job of pitching ahead."

The Vikings posted solid numbers on offense. Grayling had 12 hits in the match, including two each by Larry Baynham, Chris Wakeley, and Schreiber. Baynham had four RBI and one of his two hits was a homerun, his fourth of the 2002 season.

"Chris Wakeley's suicide squeeze bunt base hit really seemed to get us going," said Coach VanDrese. "After that, the kids were really into it."

In game two, "We pretty much picked up where we left off," Coach VanDrese said. "We spotted them a lead in the top of the third, but came back strong in our half."

Wes Fox singled, Schreiber reached base on an error, Joe Lange walked, and Baynham tripled with the bases loaded. Ryan Swope capped the inning with a two-run homer.

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Photo by Caleb Casey

Justin Schreiber runs to first base after putting the ball in play against the Flying G's of Gladwin last Tuesday in Grayling. Schreiber, the winning pitcher in the first game of the doubleheader, had two hits in the match. The Vikings defeated Gladwin 9-4, 13-6 in the conference baseball series.

Triple Crown event to start with Hanson Hills Trail Run

► To be eligible for prizes, competitors must register before Saturday, June 1

Hanson Hills during the weekend of June 1-2.

The five-mile trail run will take place on the "Yellow Trail" at Hanson Hills, a hilly course with some sand. The course goes through the beautiful woods of Hanson Hills Recreation Area.

Three foot races to be held in Grayling this year – the Hanson Hills Challenge Trail Run, the GRA 10K, and the Hartwick Pines Challenge – will make up a Triple Crown event again this year that will include cash prizes for the runners with the best combined times in the three races.

The three foot races highlight the trails and parks of Grayling's Hartwick Pines State Park and Hanson Hills Recreation Area, and the GRA 10K, which runs mostly along the Wayne C. Koppa trail, begins and ends at Grayling High School's Viking Stadium.

The Triple Crown event will get underway with the Hanson Hills Challenge Trail Run on June 1.

The trail run is one of many events to be held during the National Trail Day Celebration at

The second leg of the Triple Crown – the Grayling Recreation Authority 10K – is planned for July 27. The event will begin and end at Grayling High School this year. The 6.2-mile run is conducted on flat, paved trails.

The third and final race of the 2002 Triple Crown event – the Hartwick Pines Challenge – will be held on October 5. The 7.2-mile race course is located on the Weary Legs Ski and Biking Trail at Hartwick Pines State Park. It is a hilly course through beautiful pine tree woods.

Triple Crown winners will be announced at Hartwick Pines on October 5 after the conclusion of the Hartwick Pines Challenge.

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See "TRIPLE CROWN..."



Hanson Hills Challenge Trail Run (2001)

GRAYLING HIGH SCHOOL TEAMS: SPRING 2002

JUNIOR VARSITY BASEBALL



The 2002 junior varsity baseball team: (front row, left to right) D.J. Metzger, James Gault, Gibson Tobin, James Haven; (middle row, left to right) Alex McNara, Josh Hinkle, Russ Peters, T.J. Luke, Jesse CdeBaca; (back row, left to right) Matt Swope, Lee Schreiber, Greg Morrill, Coach Mark Bartkowski, Andy Strohpaul, Greg Warren, Jason Strohpaul.

JUNIOR VARSITY SOFTBALL



The 2002 junior varsity softball team: (front row, left to right) Skylynn Palmer, Jamie Zelek, Amanda Felver, Heather Metzger, Lindsay Hoyt; (middle row, left to right) Heather Stamper, Hayley Boardman, Coach Bodhi Watts, Kelly Duncckley, Jaimi Drudge; (back row, left to right) Ashley Prosser, Jennifer Emmons, Megan Madill, Nicole Roman, Angeanette Lovely, Ashley Rousseau, Heather Vandecar.

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Viking of the Week



Varsity Baseball
Coach: Duane VanDrese
LARRY BAYNHAM

Baynham (CF, P) went 5 for 12 vs. Gladwin and Pinconning last week with a homerun, triple, double, and 9 RBI. "Larry is as capable of putting up big numbers as anybody we've had. When he plays well, we play well," his coach said.

Vikings sweep Gladwin

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single to put Grayling ahead. Swope, Baynham, and Lange all had two hits for Grayling. The Vikings had 10 hits in all. Baynham finished with five RBI, giving him nine for the day.

Roy Czapiek pitched the first five innings for Grayling and was credited with the win. He gave up 11 hits, four walks, and struck out two. Ryan Swope pitched two innings of no-hit relief to pick up a save. He struck out two.

"I am very, very encouraged by the way we played today," said Coach VanDrese. "We got contributions from a lot of people, from Jesse Gildner to Chris Wakeley to everyone. We established ourselves as a threat when we play error-free, aggressive baseball. We played a good Gladwin team tough."

"The one area of concern is that we still struck out 20 times in two games. We need to do a better job of putting the ball in play," Coach VanDrese said. "We've put a good deal of emphasis on that, giving ourselves a chance."

"The other thing is, and I've said this all along, we will go as Larry Baynham goes. He's our guy in the middle of the order. He stepped up big today," Coach VanDrese said. "For him to knock in nine runs in a doubleheader is not unheard of. If guys can consistently get on, I like his chances of knocking them in. He played outstanding defense in center field also, making a handful of big catches. He definitely makes us go."

On Friday, the Vikings lost a pair to the Spartans of Pinconning 5-0, 15-1 in Grayling.



Gibson Tobin slides into home for a score against Gladwin on Tuesday.

In game one, Pinconning got started early with two runs scored following an infield error.

Baynham, the pitcher for Grayling in the match, kept the match close. He allowed seven hits in seven innings, walked three, and struck out five.

"Offensively, we had chances but we failed to score," Coach VanDrese said.

Mike Hale, Lange, and Swope had hits for Grayling in the match.

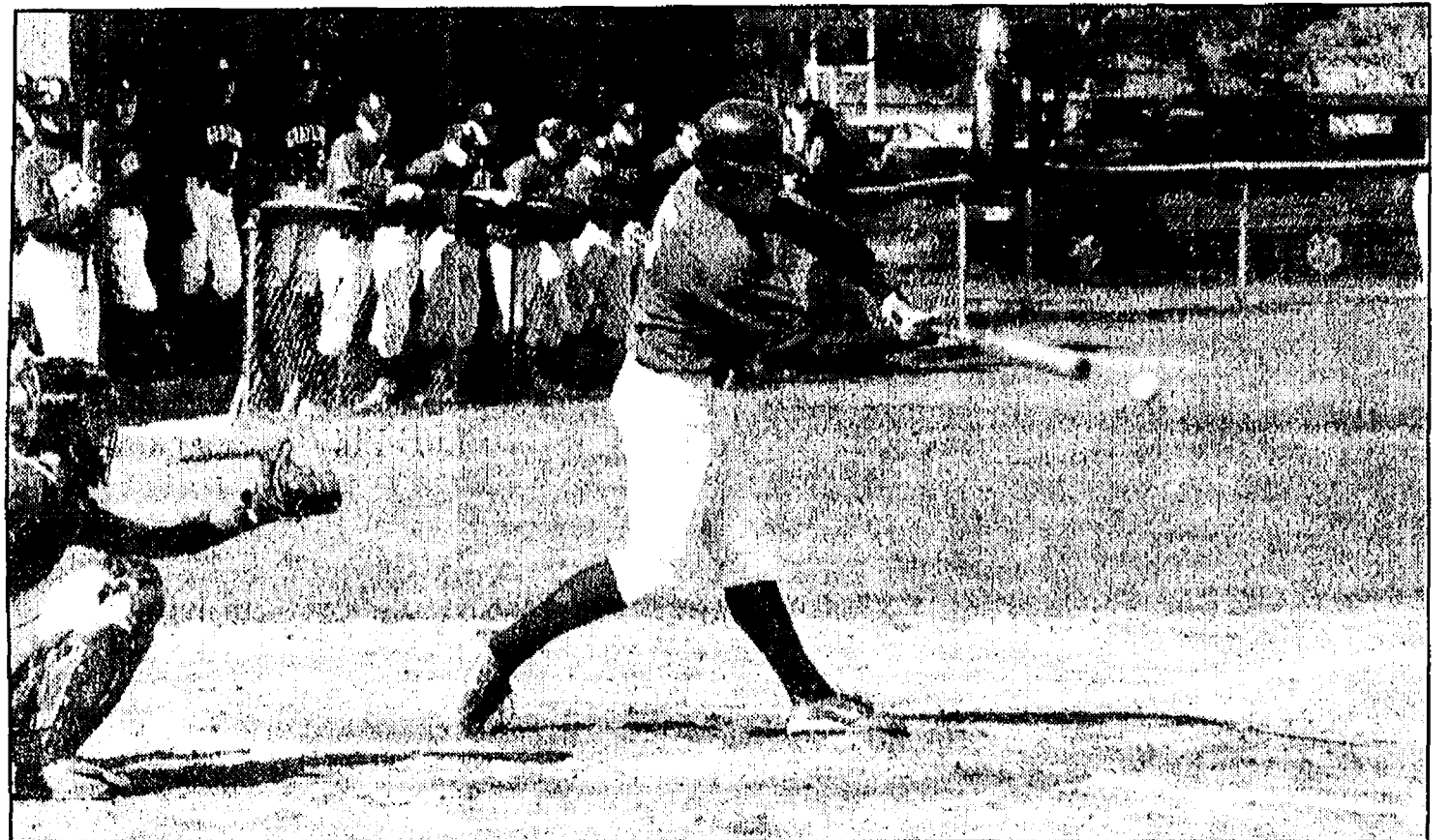
Pinny won game two by a large margin.

Again, Pinconning got going early, scoring six runs in the top of the first. The Spartans scored single runs in the second and fifth, two in the sixth inning, and capped their scoring effort with five in the seventh.

Baynham and Hale had the only hits for Grayling.

"It's the same old story for us... too many strikeouts (23 in 45 at-bats)," said Coach VanDrese. "We're not giving ourselves a chance against good teams. On top of that, we're missing signs, making baserunning mistakes, and kicking the ball around defensively. It's definitely discouraging after the Gladwin game on Tuesday. We took a couple of steps back today. We need to get better play out of our infield and offensively put the bat on the ball."

The Vikings play at Tawas on Friday, May 17. On Tuesday, May 21, the team will play at Gaylord at 4 p.m.



Ryan Swope connects on a Pinconning pitch last Friday in Grayling.

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High school athletic season changes on hold

EAST LANSING - The United States Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals in Cincinnati, Ohio, has issued a stay in the case of the Communities for Equity v. Michigan High School Athletic Association, an action which likely delays beyond the 2003-04 school year the implementation of any Court-ordered realignment of high school sports seasons in Michigan.

In its ruling on May 9, the Sixth Circuit denied the motion of the Plaintiffs to dismiss the MHSAA's appeal for lack of jurisdiction; granted the MHSAA's Motion for Stay pending its appeal insofar as requiring a change in the alignment of sports seasons by the 2003-04 school year; but denied the Association's Motion for Stay in all other respects.

The order means that the Sixth Circuit will take up the case after the District Court has received a Compliance Plan from the MHSAA for the realignment of season, and the District Court rules on that plan. The plan must be submitted by May 24. The District Court has scheduled a hearing on the matter for July 18 in Kalamazoo. After district Court's decision, the appeals process begins, and could extend into the 2003-04 school year.

"This assures the schools of an opportunity to appeal," said John E. "Jack" Roberts, executive director of the MHSAA. "It also assures that the Court of Appeals will look

at the entire District Court case, Compliance Plan and all; so that if other appealable issues arise between now and the District Court's approval of the Compliance Plan, they too can be included."

In its decision, the Appeals Court wrote, "...it is clear the stay motion raises serious appellate issues concerning liability under Title IX and the Equal Protection Clause." The decision also states, "...the defendant (MHSAA) has articulated a variety of harms that it, its member schools, and student-athletes may suffer if it must comply with the injunction by bringing its scheduling into compliance with the district court's ruling by the 2003-04 school year. For that reason, a partial stay will be granted."

The MHSAA's Representative Council, the 19-member legislative body of the Association, discussed sports seasons scheduling at its annual Spring meeting earlier this week, but delayed action. The Council will meet before May 24 to finalize a Compliance Plan.

At the time the Compliance Plan is filed, the MHSAA will also announce the results of a survey used to seek input for the Compliance Plan.

The MHSAA is a private, not-for-profit corporation of voluntary membership by over 1,300 public and private senior high schools and junior high/middle schools which exists to develop common rules for athletic eligibility and competition.

Hits scarce in losses to G's, Spartans

► Varsity softball team falls to Pinconning and Gladwin at GHS

The GHS varsity girls softball team lost two conference double-headers last week – a home series vs. Gladwin on Tuesday and two games against the Pinconning Spartans in Grayling on Friday.

Against Gladwin, Tab Ketchum had Grayling's only hit in game one. The Flying G's won 13-0.

"Gladwin had some great pitching," said Coach Donna Boughner. "They struck out seven out of 17 batters."

On defense, Andrea Dunckley and Lori Hinkle had several assists and Lori Ellis had five put-outs.

Gladwin won the second game of the series 10-2.

Nikita Sartin batted 1 for 2 with one RBI and one run scored. Jamie Dent scored the other Grayling run. Ketchum and Hinkle also had hits for the Vikings.

On defense, Hinkle had nine put-outs, four unassisted. Ashley Wolcott had three assists and one put-out. "We had our second double

play of the year," Coach Boughner said. "Ketchum had a tag at home and then threw to Dent at third for the tag and the double play. Ketchum also had another great tag at home on a throw from Ellis."

Grayling lost both games on Friday by scores of 15-0.

Ketchum had Grayling's only hit in game one, a stand-up double.

"Pinconning hit the ball," Coach Boughner said. "They had eight hits, mostly doubles, one triple, and one homerun. Grayling played good defense, only two errors on the game."

Dent had four assists and one put-out. Angeanette Lovely had an assist and Ellis had six put-outs. Hinkle pitched three strikeouts and had one put-out in the field.

Wolcott had Grayling's only hit in game two.

Dent had two put-outs and two assists in the field.

"Errors really hampered our start," Coach Boughner said. "We had three in the first inning and Pinconning scored six runs. That is too big of a deficit to overcome against a team this good."

The Vikings will play at Tawas on Friday, May 17. On Tuesday, May 21, the team plays at Gaylord.



Second baseman Angeanette Lovely chases down a Pinconning baserunner in last Friday's varsity softball series.



Third baseman Skylynn Palmer catches a short pop-up in last week's series vs. Pinconning.



Photos by Caleb Casey

Lori Ellis takes a cut in last Tuesday's series vs. the Flying G's of Gladwin in Grayling.

GHS track teams compete at Tawas

► Boys, girls track athletes face Braves of Tawas in rough weather conditions

The Grayling High School boys and girls track teams competed at Tawas in a conference meet last Wednesday. Tawas finished first in team score against both Viking squads.

"The scores were deceiving in terms of how well we did or didn't do," said boys team coach Scott Cousineau. "It was extremely cold that day and we were going up against the best team in the league. Tawas is very good at everything and we did not have enough to match up. Our kids did the best they could."

GHS earned team points with the following placements: (boys) Scott Latusek, 1st, 1600m run, 4:54; R.J. Schmidt, 3rd, 1600m run, 5:04; Tyler Cragg, 2nd, 400m dash, 58.11; Bob VanNuck, 2nd, 800m run, 2:25; Latusek, 1st, 3200m run, 10:49; Mike Schmidt, 3rd, 3200m run, 14:05; Brett Mead, 3rd, high jump, 5'4"; (girls) Ashley Hawley, 2nd, 200m dash, 30.38; Jessica Green, 3rd, 200m dash, 30.44; Jamie Pinkelman, 2nd, 3200m run, 15:38; Green, 1st, long jump, 14'7.25"; Hawley, 1st, high jump, 5'0"; Crystal Miller, 1st, discus; Jodi Riddle, 3rd, discus.

On Thursday, the Vikings competed in the East Jordan Invitational meet. The event featured 10 teams: Charlevoix, Harbor Springs, Benzie Central, Traverse City St. Francis, East Jordan, Boyne City, Central

Lake, Kalkaska, Rogers City, and Grayling.

Viking placements at the East Jordan meet included: (boys) Latusek, 8th, 1600m run, 5:03.42; Cragg, 5th, 400m dash, 57.98; Shawn Gabriel, 7th, 400m dash, 58.96; Latusek, 8th, 3200m run, 10:57.37.

"Another brutal day to run in. We had winds of up to 35 miles per hour. Our kids did exceptionally well against some great competition," said Coach Cousineau. "Our kids performed well under the conditions. I'm very pleased with their efforts."

The track team will compete in the Roscommon Meet of Champions on Friday, May 17, at Roscommon High School. The Vikings will compete in Regionals on Saturday, May 18, at Gaylord.



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- 'Woodland Management for Wildlife' by Dave MacArthur, Consulting Forester
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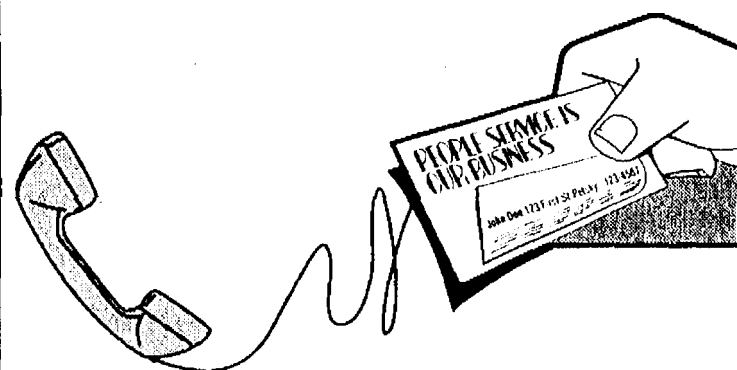


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Viking of the Week



Varsity Boys Track
Coach: Scott Cousineau

KYLE FLEISCHMANN

Kyle has continued to improve all season. He has especially improved his pole vault clearance and 200m dash time this year.

DuBois

Viking of the Week



Girls Golf
Coach: Tanya Wolcott

KIM MITCHELL

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Viking of the Week



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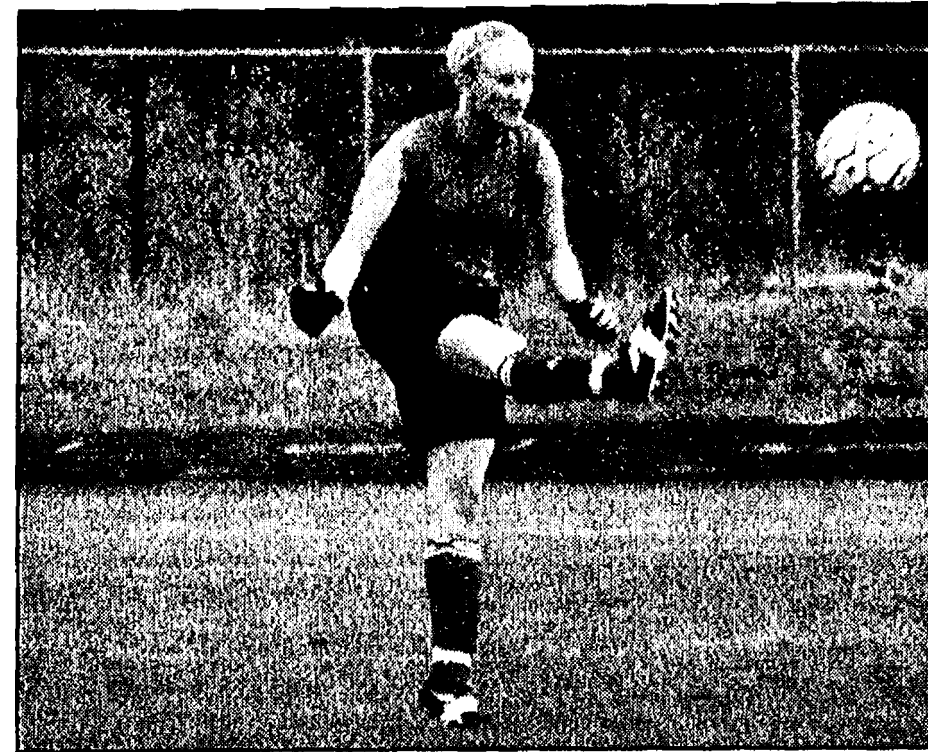
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Soccer team hosts Ogemaw Heights



Christina Strait slides to keep a ball in bounds in the game against West Branch Ogemaw Heights last Monday in Grayling. Ogemaw won the match.



Goalie Ashley Bancroft punts the ball after making a save against the Falcons of Ogemaw Heights last week.



Andi Holzbauer dribbles the ball upfield.



Jennifer Brunell passes the ball off vs. West Branch.

JV baseball team falls to G's, Spartans

► Vikings lose to Gladwin and Pinconning in road doubleheaders

Grayling High School's junior varsity baseball team lost to Gladwin and Pinconning in road games last week.

At Gladwin on Tuesday, the

Vikings lost 11-5, 6-5 to the host Flying G's.

In game one, T.J. Luke had two hits for Grayling and Lee Schreiber, Jason Strohpaal, and Matt Swope each had one hit. In the second game of the series, Schreiber, D.J. Metzger, and Andy Strohpaal each had two hits for the Vikings. Schreiber had two RBIs. A. Strohpaal went the distance on the mound for Grayling.

The second game, a close match

all the way, was tied at 3-3 early. Grayling took a 5-3 lead in the fourth, and Gladwin won in the last inning after Grayling surrendered two walks and a fielding error.

At Pinconning on Friday, the Spartans won the series 13-3, 15-0.

"We had 12 errors over the two games by our third baseman, shortstop, and second baseman. We can't be competitive when those players don't come through," said Coach

Mark Bartkowski.

Schreiber had a hit and two RBIs in game one. A. Strohpaal and Swope also each had one hit in the match. The Vikings were hitless in the second game - a contest that was called after three innings due to mercy rule.

On Friday, May 17, the Vikings will host the Tawas Braves at 4 p.m. On Tuesday, May 21, the team will host Gaylord at 4 p.m.

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Triple Crown event to start soon

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To compete in the Triple Crown and be eligible for prizes, runners must register prior to the Hanson Hills Challenge on June 1. The cost to sign up will be \$10. Competitors can also sign up for everything at once (all three races, plus the Triple Crown registration fee) for \$52 by June 1.

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For more information, or to register, contact GRA at (989) 348-9266 or visit the GRA/Hanson Hills website: www.hansonhills.org

Registration forms can be printed from the Hanson Hills website.

Grayling golfers win by 23 vs. Rosco

► Girls golf squad defeats Bucks 230-253 at Grayling Country Club

The GHS girls golf team posted a 230-253 victory over the Bucks of Roscommon at Grayling Country

Club last Wednesday.

Kim Mitchell led Grayling with a 51. Jenna Bugyi golfed a 59, Bridgette Reed, Mallory Olson, and Erica Fenn all shot 60, June Clark finished at 63, and Ann Hughes scored a 64.

"Three freshmen golfing in our top six will make us very competitive in the future," said Coach Tanya

Wolcott.

On Monday, the Vikings golfed at Newberry against Newberry and Rudyard.

The meet was rained out after four holes. Grayling led 97 - 110 (Newberry) - 115 (Rudyard).

The GHS girls golf team will compete in Regionals on Friday, May 17.

COUNTRY CLUB NEWS

by Donna Thomson

Wednesday Ladies Golf League

What a windy, cool day was had by the Wednesday Ladies League on May 8, but everyone was dressed appropriately, so off we went for a shotgun start.

This was a "fun" day and our play for today was Scotch Doubles. It was very interesting and my partner had me in places I've never been before, nor do I want to return, and

I'm sure all the other gals were in the same situation, but we sure had a lot of fun.

In spite of the difficulties, the team of Connie Gates and Ann Latusek came in first with a 49. Second place went to Bev McNamara and Bev Zimmerman with a 51, and in third place with a 54 was Sally McNamara and Mo McNamara.

Our yearly handbooks of who we

play with each week of match play were given out. Jeanne Thompson works hard at this every year for us.

We were then served a great meal of salad with cherry vinegarett dressing, stuffed shrimp with garlic linguini, and garlic toast, plus a seashell gelato dessert.

It was a little too chilly to play another round, so until next week (and hopefully good weather) that's all "fore" now.

FISHING REPORT

Rivers: Anglers have been getting some brown trout on the AuSable and Manistee using Hendricksons, black caddis, and gray drakes. Bait fishermen have been catching a few brook trout on the Upper Manistee.

(Information courtesy of Skip's Sport Shop.)

Lakes: A few walleye have been caught at Lake Margrethe. Try still fishing using jigheads with minnows or leeches or trolling the shallows at about 1 mph in 5-9 feet of water. For pike, try still drifting on Lake Margrethe with a live sucker minnow on a bobber. Anglers are still getting a few bluegill at

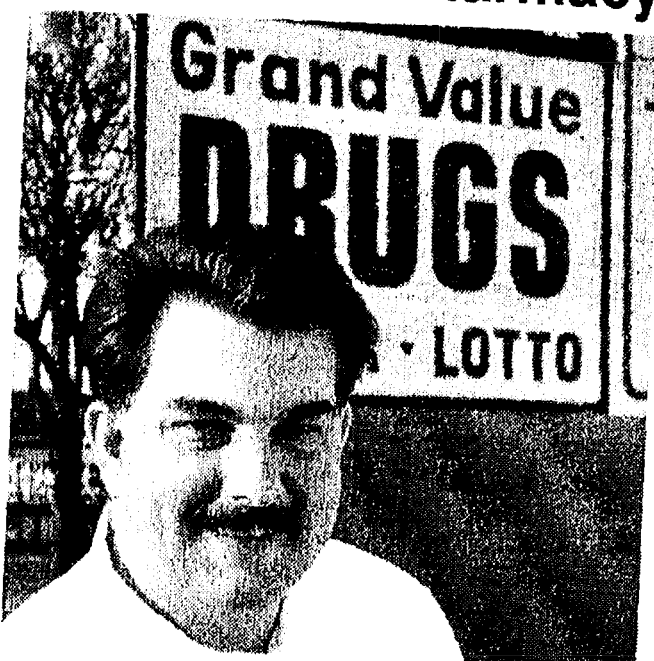
Margrethe in the shallows and in the canal. Shupac has been decent for perch fishing, try using wigglers and waxworms. Some of the smaller lakes in the area, like Frog Lake, have been good for bluegill. Try casting from shore.

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MORTGAGE SALE

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Loretta M. Gibson, to Bank One, N.A., mortgagee, dated August 17, 1999 and recorded September 8, 1999 in Liber 490, Page 45, Crawford County Records. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of Nineteen Thousand One Hundred Fifty-Seven and 58/100 Dollars (\$19,157.58) including interest at the rate of 8.49% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on June 19, 2002.

The premises are located in the Township of Beaver Creek, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Commencing at a point which is 59 rods West of the Northeast corner of the North 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 28, Town 25 North, Range 3 West, Thence South 16 rods, thence West 10 rods, thence North 16 rods, thence East 16 rods to the point of beginning.

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale. The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale in the event a 3rd party buys the property and there is a simultaneous resolution with the borrower.

Dated May 9, 2002
 Orlans Associates PC
 Attorneys for Bank One, N.A.,
 As Mortgagee
 2501 Rochester Court
 Troy, MI 48063
 (248) 457-1000

File No. 224.0408

SOUTH BRANCH TOWNSHIP CLEAN UP DAY MAY 18, 2002 SEPTEMBER 14, 2002 WASTE MANAGEMENT OF CENTRAL MICHIGAN CLEAN UP COLLECTION LIST

Waste Management is pleased to offer the residents of the South Branch Township roll off service for their annual clean up. While we strive to provide superior customer satisfaction with this program, there are some items that we simply cannot dispose of in a solid waste landfill for environmental reasons.

As a general rule, clean up items include:

* Household furniture, including chairs, couches, mattresses and tables.

Clean Up items DO NOT include:

- * Any liquids including unsolidified paint, motor oil and antifreeze
 - * Yard waste, leaves or brush
 - * Appliances containing Freon
 - * Chemicals or other hazardous wastes
 - * Flammables and explosives
 - * Dangerous items, such as gasoline or hot ashes, burning barrels
 - * Car batteries and transmissions
 - * Tires
 - * Concrete, blocks, brick and stone - and all building materials
 - * Engine blocks other metal car parts
- NO METAL OR BRUSH**

This list is not all-inclusive.

PIONEER AND McMASTERS refuse sites

MUST HAVE PERMIT TO ENTER

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Basketball camp offered for 3rd-10th graders

► Registration now open for June 24-27
 Glen Donahue
 Basketball Camp

The Glen Donahue Basketball Camp - a four-day camp for boys entering grades 3-10 - will be held on June 24-27 at Grayling Middle School. Registration for the event is now underway.

The fee to participate in the camp is \$30. (Make checks payable to "G. Donahue.")

Two sessions will be conducted on June 24-27: 9 a.m. to 12 noon (for boys entering grades 3-6), and 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. (for boys entering grades 7-10).

To register for the camp, fill out the attached form and return it to one of the following locations: Sylvester's Sporting Goods of Grayling, Grayling Middle School, Grayling High School, Grayling Elementary School, Roscommon Middle School, Roscommon High School, or (by mail) Coach Donahue, Kirtland Community College, 10775 N. St. Helen Road, Roscommon, MI, 48653.

GLEN DONAHUE BASKETBALL CAMP JUNE 24TH-27TH

NAME: _____ GRADE: _____ AGE: _____

ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____

PHONE#: HOME _____ WORK: _____

NAME: FATHER: _____ MOTHER: _____

SHIRT SIZE: S M L XL (ADULT SIZES)

The undersigned agrees to hold harmless, indemnify, & pay any attorney fees of the employees of the Donahue Basketball Camp, CASD, & the state of Michigan, its servants, agents, & employees from any claims or demands that I may have of whatever kind & nature arising out of activities at or use of the premises controlled by the above mentioned. In the event of an emergency, I give permission for my son to be placed under the care of a qualified doctor or nurse.

SIGNATURE OF PARENT: _____ DATE: _____

IN AN EMERGENCY, PLEASE CONTACT: _____ PHONE: _____

PLEASE LIST ANY SPECIAL MEDICAL INFORMATION [ALLERGIES, KNOWN DRUG REACTION, PRESCRIBED MEDICATION, ETC.]: _____

The camp will be run by Kirtland Community College coach Glen Donahue and Grayling High School coach Rich Moffitt.

Donahue, who has coached basketball for 45 years, is the win-

ningest coach in the history of Michigan college basketball with 583 career victories. In 1985 his Highland Park Community College team went 39-0 and was ranked #1 nationally in its division.

Moffitt, a head coach for 12 years (at Fennville and Grayling), was a state championship basketball player and team captain at Alma College. He is a former Western Michigan Coach of the Year.

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www.townnews.com/avalanche/

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Catherine J. Koperski, f/k/a Catherine J. Byrne and Jonathan R. Koperski (original mortgagors) to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. solely as nominee for Lender Old Kent Bank, Mortgagee, dated April 14, 1999, and recorded on April 22, 1999 in Liber 0479 on Page 277 in Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty-Five Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety-Nine and 62/100 dollars (\$45,899.62), including interest at 7.000% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 A.M. on June 19, 2002.

Said premises are situated in Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot 47, McNamara's Valley No. 2, according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 71, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: May 9, 2002
 For Information, please call:
 Hawks 248-593-1300
 Trott & Trott, P.C.
 Attorneys and Counselors
 30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 200
 Bingham Farms, MI 48025
 File#200129438
 Hawks

-9-16-23-30-6

MORTGAGE MORTGAGE SALE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Alan H. Watros and Rose J. Watros, husband and wife, to Mortgage America, Inc., mortgagee, dated July 3, 1997 and recorded August 5, 1997 in Liber 435, Page 96, Crawford County Records. Said mortgage is now held by The Chase Manhattan Bank, as Trustee of IMC Home Equity Loan Trust 1998-1 under the pooling and servicing agreement dated as of March 1, 1998, by assignment dated April 8, 2002 and submitted to and recorded by the Crawford County Register of Deeds. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of Eighteen Thousand One Hundred Twenty and 77/100 Dollars (\$18,120.77) including interest at the rate of 14.95% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on June 12, 2002.

The premises are located in the Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot 43, Shangri-La Subdivision, as recorded in Liber 2, Pages 3 and 4, of Plats, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale. The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale in the event a 3rd party buys the property and there is a simultaneous resolution with the borrower.

Dated May 2, 2002
 ORLANS ASSOCIATES PC
 Attorneys for the Chase Manhattan Bank, as Trustee of IMC Home Equity Loan Trust 1998-1 under the pooling and servicing agreement dated as of March 1, 1998,
 As Assignee
 2501 Rochester Court
 Troy, MI 48063
 (248) 457-1000
 File No: 231.0605

-2-9-16-23-30

PUBLIC NOTICE

This notice is to advise you and all interested persons that I have scheduled a Zoning Board of Appeals Public Hearing concerning a variance request for a new building on the property of Cueters Automotive & Tire at 1440 S. I-75 Business Loop (THE SELV 60 FT OF LOT 12, BLK 1 OF HADLEY'S THIRD ADDITION TO THE CITY OF GRAYLING. ALSO PART OF LOT 11, BLK 1 DESC AS FOLLOWS. COMM AT THE SE COR OF LOT 11, TH N 25 FT, TH W 25 FT, TH S 17 FT, TH W 25 FT, TH S 8 FT, TH E 50 FT TO THE POB) in the City of Grayling.

The Public Hearing to consider this matter is scheduled for 4:30 p.m. on Monday, May 20, 2002 at the Grayling City Office, 5688 M-72 West. All interested parties are hereby requested to attend said Public Hearing and/or submit such data as may be pertinent to the case at hand. Data may be submitted to the Grayling City Office, 568 M-72 W, P.O. Box 549, Grayling, Michigan 49738 and inquiries may be directed to City Manager Allen Lowe by calling 989-348-2131.

Kay Ellen King
 City Clerk
 05-06-2002

MORTGAGE SALE

MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Alice L. Myers, a single woman, and Joann Mathews and Steve Mathews, husband and wife, of 410 Pere Cheny, Roscommon, MI 48653, Michigan, Mortgagors, to TMS Mortgage, Inc., d/b/a The Money Store, Mortgagee, dated the 16th of December, 1998 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Crawford and State of Michigan, on the 25th day of February, 1999 in Liber 475, Crawford County Records, Page 385, said mortgage

having been assigned to Wells Fargo Bank Minnesota, N.A., as Trustee under the Pooling and Servicing Agreement dated as of 02/28/01, series 2001-A, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, the sum of Forty Six Thousand Forty Eight & 22/100 (\$46,048.22), and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the 19th day of June, 2002 at 10:00 o'clock a.m. Local Time, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at front door to the county building in Grayling, Michigan (that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford is held), of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, as aforesaid, on said mortgage, with interest thereon at 10.900% per annum and all legal costs, charges, and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises. Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece of parcel of land situated in the Township of Beaver Creek, County of Crawford and State of Michigan, and described as follows, to-wit:

Being a part of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 12, Town 25 North; Range 3 West, Beaver Creek Township, Crawford County, Michigan described as follows: Commencing at the East 1/4 corner of said Section 12; thence South 88 degrees 37 minutes West along the East and West 1/4 line, 1942.5 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence continuing South 88 degrees 37 minutes West 323.75 feet; thence North 1 degree 01 minutes East, 318.8 feet; thence South 88 degrees 30 minutes West 324.1 feet; thence North 0 degrees 57 minutes 30 seconds East along the North and South 1/4 line, 336.0 feet; thence North 88 degrees 30 minutes East, 648.9 feet; thence South 1 degree 04 minutes 49 seconds West, 655.5 feet to the Point of Beginning.

During the twelve (12) months immediately following the sale, the property may be redeemed, except that in the event that the property is determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCLA 600.3241a, the property may be redeemed during the 30 days immediately following the sale.

Dated April 28, 2002
 Wells Fargo Bank Minnesota, N.A.
 Mortgagee
 Fabrizio & Brook, P.C.
 Jonathan L. Engman (P56364)
 Attorney for Wells Fargo Bank
 888 W. Big Beaver, Ste. 1470
 Troy, MI 48064
 (248) 269-8684

-9-16-23-30-6

LOVELLS TOWNSHIP NOTICE

The Lovells Township Board is accepting bids for the labor to erect canopies over the compactors at the two transfer stations. The canopies will be a 12x16 post construction. For more information, call Supervisor Fred Schaibly at the town hall at 989-348-9215.

Cheryl Hopp
 Lovells Township Clerk

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LEGAL ACTION

RECORD OF CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Meeting held on the 8th day of April 2002

Grayling, Michigan

Meeting called to order by Mayor Wyman at 7:31 P.M.

Members Present: Wyman, Awiszus, Moshier.

Members Absent: Banda, Hayes. Also in Attendance: Allen Lowe, City Manager, Kay Ellen King, City Clerk, Karl Schreiner, Terry Wright, Caleb Casey, Bill Gannon, Tom Wellman, Scott Baker

Public Hearing: None.

Approval of Consent Agenda.

a. 2002 Schedule for yard waste pick-up.

b. Road Commission Letter regarding purchasing of salt.

c. April and June Elected Officers Weekender in Traverse City.

d. Grayling Transportation Meeting April 9th, 4:00 p.m. at City Hall.

e. City Engineer Estimates for 2002-2003 City Street Budget Needs.

f. City of Grayling Match for I-75 Streetscape.

g. City Attorney letter regarding Income Tax.

h. Letter from Sheriff Wakefield's Office.

i. 911 Activity Report for March 2002.

j. Crawford County Board of Commissioners Letter.

02-65

Moved by Moshier, supported by Awiszus to approve the consent Agenda as presented.

Ayes: 3, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 2, motion carried.

02-66

Moved by Moshier, supported by Awiszus that the minutes of the meeting of March 25, 2002 be approved as presented.

Ayes: 3, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 2, motion carried.

02-67

Moved by Awiszus, supported by Moshier that the minutes of the special meeting of March 27, 2002 be approved as presented.

Ayes: 3, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 2, motion carried.

Old Business

a. IDC Meeting. Terry Wright gave an update to Council. The Committee is working on a partnership of the 3 municipalities (City of Grayling, Grayling Township and Beaver Creek Township) to submit a grant to MEDC for engineering needs of the 3 municipalities. All would benefit. We will consider and vote when grant is completed.

b. Fire Department Discussion. City Manager gave a report on two formulas to determine percentage cost of both city and township. Much discussion was held with capital expenditure still the outstanding issue.

02-68

Moved by Moshier, supported by Awiszus that fire department cost for fiscal year 2002-2003 be paid 65% Grayling Township, 35% City and fiscal year 2003-2004 be paid 70% Grayling Township, 30% City and cost for succeeding years be based on population/SEV formula to be determined annually. Fire department building and main-

tenance to be shared 50/50. Ayes: 3, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 2, motion carried.

c. City Property on North Down River Road. The City Manager reported that the city owns approximately 2.11 acres where the little league field is located.

d. Playground Inspection Notes. Council went over these notes and gave approval to make the changes at the playground that the Parks Committee recommended.

e. City Hall Update. The City Hall Committee gave an update and spoke of the 3 proposals presented at last meeting. Ken Richmond will be present to speak to Council at the April 29th meeting.

f. Public Hearing for Industrial Park.

02-69

Moved by Moshier, supported by Awiszus to hold a Public Hearing on April 29, 2002 for the purpose of an application to the MEDC for funding under the Michigan Community Development Block Grant Program. This application request for \$15,000.00 is proposed to help fund planning for the Industrial Park Expansion. Ayes: 3, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 2, motion carried.

g. Bids on Tree Planting in City Park. The City received 5 bids on the tree planting project. The Parks Committee will check the bids over and let the City Manager know their recommendation.

02-70

Moved by Moshier, supported by Awiszus to allow the City Manager to award the bid with input from the Parks Committee and for the City Manager to sign all necessary documents. Ayes: 3, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 2, motion carried.

New Business.

a. MERS Meeting April 24th in Gaylord. Mr. Moshier will attend the meeting with the City Treasurer.

b. City Attorney Letter regarding PA222 of 2001/Sewer Back-ups. The City Attorney recommended sending a form letter to all sewer customers.

02-71

Moved by Awiszus, supported by Moshier that on the recommendation of the City Attorney the City send notices to all sewer customers in the city regarding sewer back-ups. Ayes: 3, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 2, motion carried.

c. Downtown Sidewalks. A sidewalk meeting was held on April 3, 2002 regarding downtown snow removal. The City Manager gave a report to Council on a proposed agreement that was discussed at the meeting.

d. 2002 Sidewalk and Street Construction. The City Engineer gave an estimate to Council regarding the 2002 Sidewalk and Street Construction.

02-72

Moved by Awiszus, supported by Moshier to accept the City Engineers recommendation for the 2002 Sidewalk and Street Construction. Ayes: 3, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 2, motion carried.

e. Gray Rock Cafe letter. Council tabled this discussion for the April 29, 2002 Meeting.

Citizens who wish to speak.

a. Scott Baker from Camp AuSable spoke to Council regarding the possibility of city water and sewer service to Camp AuSable. Council will be reviewing the City's stand on water and sewer service outside the city limits.

Reports from ZBA, Planning Committee,

Parks Committee

a. ZBA Meeting on Wednesday, April 10, 2002, 4:30 PM at City Hall.

b. Planning Commission. They are working on a sign ordinance.

c. Parks Committee will be meeting. Waiting to hear regarding the streetscape grant, should know by the end of the month.

d. Traffic Flow Committee. Ms. Awiszus gave a report, the next meeting will be Tuesday, April 9, 2002, 4:00 PM at City Hall.

Reports from Manager & Council Members

City Manger Reports

a. Dave Sabin would like to see income tax monies used for a bike trail on the ROW.

b. The Proposed 2002-2003 Budget will be ready for Council before April 25th.

Council Member Reports

a. Mr. Wyman inquired about the tax deduction for memorials at the City Park. The Parks Committee should work with the City Attorney.

b. Mr. Wyman asked about the erosion problem at the park. Who would be responsible for repairing. The City Manager will contact the DNR.

Adjournment

02-73

Moved by Moshier, supported by Awiszus that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 3, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 2, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 9:01 PM.

Kay Ellen King

City Clerk

MORTGAGE SALE

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jonathan R. Koperski and Catherine J. Byrne NKA Catherine J. Koperski, husband and wife, to Bank One, N.A., mortgagee, dated August 8, 2000 and recorded August 24, 2000 in Liber 516, Page 200, Crawford County Records. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of Thirty-Five Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty-Two and 95/100 Dollars (\$37,782.95) including interest at the rate of 11.38% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on June 27, 2002.

The premises are located in the Township of South Branch, Crawford County,

Michigan, and are described as:

Lot No. 47, as described in the recorded plat of the McNamara Valley #2, being part of the NE 1/4 of the NW 1/4 and part of the S 1/2 of the NW 1/4, Section 28, T25N, R2W, South Branch Township, Crawford County, Michigan.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale. The foregoing mortgagee can rescind the sale in the event a 3rd party buys the property and there is a simultaneous resolution with the borrower.

Dated May 16, 2002
Orlans Associates PC
Attorneys for Bank One, N.A.
AS Mortgagee
2501 Rochester Court
Troy, MI 48063
(248) 457-1000
File No. 224.0412

-16-23-30-6-13

MORTGAGE SALE

MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Ronald J. Whitney, a married man, and Bonnie L. Whitney, his wife, of 1202 Robinhood Lane, Grayling, MI 49738, Michigan, Mortgagees, to Mayflower D/B/A Union Mortgage Services Inc., Mortgagee, dated the 28th of October, 1998 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Crawford and State of Michigan, on the 16th day of November, 1998 in Liber 467, Crawford County Records, Page 576, said mortgage now held by First Union National Bank of Delaware, by merger with First Union Home Equity Bank, N.A., on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, the sum of Eighty Eight Thousand Six Hundred Thirty Three & 58/100 (\$88,633.58), and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the 20th day of June, 2002 at 10:00 o'clock a.m. Local Time, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at front door to the county building in Grayling, Michigan (that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford is held) of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, as aforesaid, on said mortgage, with interest thereon at 8.500 per

annum and all legal costs, charges, and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises. Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece of parcel of land situated in the Township of Grayling, County of Crawford and State of Michigan, and described as follows, to wit:

Lot 1, Sherwood Forest, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 3, Page 11, Crawford County Records. Grayling Township, Crawford County, Michigan.

During the six (6) months immediately fol-

lowing the sale, the property may be redeemed, except that in the event that the property is determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCLA 600.3241a, the property may be redeemed during the 30 days immediately following the sale.

Dated May 16, 2002
First Union National Bank of
Delaware Mortgagee
Fabrizio & Brook, P.C.
Jonathan L. Engman (P56364)
Attorney for First Union
888 W. Big Beaver, Ste. 1470
Troy, MI 48064
(248) 269-8684

PUBLIC NOTICE TO RESIDENTS WITHIN 300 FEET

Frederic Township residents be notified the Zoning Board of Appeals will be holding a public hearing on May 20, 2002, at 7:00 p.m. in the Frederic Township Hall. Located at 7564 C.R. 612, to hear the following case:

2002 ZBA 003 Owner: Lyle Morgan, Petitioner
990 Norway Pine Dr.
Grayling, MI 49738
Parcel # 20-030-031-002-023-00

The Petitioner is requesting a variance in order to build a deck on the back side of his existing house which is located closer than the 100 ft. setback that is required in the Frederic Manistee River District ordinance.

Tentative text and maps may be examined at the Frederic Township office during normal business hours.

Correspondence concerning the request should be directed to Frederic Township Zoning Dept., P.O. Box 78, Frederic, MI 49733 Telephone (989) 348-8840.

Douglas J. Pratt
Frederic Twp.
Zoning Administrator

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INVITATION TO BID

Crawford County Road Commission
Salt Storage Facility
Grayling, Michigan

The Crawford County Road Commission will receive sealed bids until 10:00 a.m. on June 6, 2002 at their Grayling office located at 500 Huron Street, P.O. Box 648, Grayling, Michigan 49738-0648, for the construction of a Salt Storage Facility and at that time publicly opened and read aloud.

The project work consists of furnishing all labor, materials, and equipment, including electrical work and fans, for the construction of a 16,000 square feet (6,675 ton) salt storage facility.

The instructions to bidders and the drawings and specifications may be examined at the Crawford County Road Commission office or at the office of the engineer, Northwest Design Group, Inc., 480 W. Mitchell, Petoskey, Michigan 49770. Bidding documents may be purchased from the engineer for the non-refundable fee of \$20.00 per set.

A certified check or bidder's bond for a sum not less than 5% of the amount of the Base Bid will be required with each proposal. The successful bidder will be required to furnish performance and payment bonds.

No bid may be withdrawn for 30 days after the bid opening date. The Crawford County Road Commission reserves the right to waive any irregularities or technicalities, and to reject any and all bids, and to accept the bid deemed to be in the best interest of the Crawford County Road Commission.

Donald Babcock, Managing Director
Crawford County Road Commission

-9-16-23

MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION PUBLIC NOTICE HERBICIDE PROGRAM

The Michigan Department of Transportation hereby provides notice to the public, and property owners adjacent to state highways of the 2002 Herbicide Application Program for roadside rights-of-way within Alcona, Alpena, Cheboygan, Crawford, Emmet, Iosco, Montmorency, Ogemaw, Oscoda, Otsego, Roscommon, and Presque Isle counties.

All applications will take place between May 28, 2002 and October 25, 2002.

LOCATIONS

Applications will be made for control of (1) noxious weeds and broadleaf weeds in turf areas and, (2) woody vegetation (brush) within clear zones. All applications will be ground or foliar applied by vehicular mounted fixed boom or hand gun equipment. The following herbicides will be tank mixed for each application.

Weed: Weedar 64 (2,4-Dichlorophenoxyacetic Acid) and Telar (Chlorosulfuron) or Banvel 720 (Dimethylamine Salt of Dicamba and 2,4-Dichlorophenoxyacetic Acid) and Telar. Escort (Metsulfuron methyl) may be substituted for Telar

Brush: Garlon 4 (Triclopyr) and Weedar 64 (2,4-Dichlorophenoxyacetic Acid). Escort (Metsulfuron methyl) may be substituted for Weedar 64.

Shoulder: Roundup (Glyphosate) and Weedar 64 (2,4-Dichlorophenoxyacetic Acid).

Guardrail: Direx 80DF (Diuron 3-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)-1,1-dimethylurea

A surfactant, Citry-Plus or Cide-Kick (100% D-Limonene), Valent X-77 (Alkylaryl/polyoxyethylene, Free Fatty Acids, Glycols, and Isopropanol), or Nu-Film - 1R (Poly-1-p-Menthene) will be used with all applications. A drift control agent, 41-A (Polyacrylamide and Polysaccharide), More (Polyvinyl Polymer), or Naico-Trol (Polyvinyl Polymer), will also be used as needed in all spraying operations.

All roadside parks on state highways ("I", "US", and "M" routes) and MDOT facilities within the counties listed above will also be treated.

All applications will be made by certified applicators employed by the Michigan Department of Transportation. For further information contact:

Michael Rogers, Resource Specialist
Michigan Department of Transportation
2927 D & M Drive
Gaylord, MI 49735
Phone: (517) 731-5090

This notice is published per Regulation 637 Act 171, Public Acts of 1976, as amended.

SPECIAL PUBLIC HEARING

A Public Hearing of the Crawford County Planning Commission will be held on Wednesday, May 22, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. in the Circuit Court room of the County Building.

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to Present Site Plan for New Building.

Case #SU02-05 Requesting a New Building at Waste Management

Petitioner: Waste Management, By L&L Contracting, Inc.
11375 Sherman Rd.
Frederic, MI 49733

The above case refers to the following described property:

Property Code: 20-020-004-002-020-00
Property Add: 11375 Sherman Rd.
Frederic, MI 49733
Property Desc.: THE NW/4 AND ALSO THE N/2 OF THE SW/4 OF SEC 4, ALSO THE E 200 FT OF THE NE/4 OF SEC 5 T28N R3W
Township: Maple Forest
Zoning: RD-F

All documents are available at the Crawford County Building & Zoning Department. Comments should be sent to: Building & Zoning Department, 200 W. Michigan Avenue - Annex Building, Grayling, MI 49738

Joseph Duran
Director

CRAWFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING BOARD MEETING NOTICE CHANGE

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners have re-scheduled the June and July Committee and Regular Board Meetings as follows:

Monday, June 10th - 9:30 a.m.	Committee of the Whole
Friday, June 14th - 9:30 a.m.	Regular Board
Monday, July 8th - 9:30 a.m.	Committee of the Whole
Friday, July 12th - 9:30 a.m.	Regular Board

All meetings will be held at the Crawford County Building.

Sandra Moore
County Clerk/Register
April 24, 2002

TO: PROPERTY OWNERS WITHIN 300 FEET

RE: NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A Public Hearing of the Crawford County Zoning Board of Appeals will be held on Thursday, May 23, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. in the Circuit Courtroom of the County Building.

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to hear comments on:

Case #Z220-02 Request to obtain a Kennel License.

Petitioner: John & Laura Sue Bochniak
95 W. Pioneer Road
Roscommon, MI 48653

The above case refers to the following described property:

Property Code: 20-050-036-001-035-00
Property Address: 95 W. Pioneer Road
Roscommon, MI 48653
Property Desc: W/2 OF E/2 OF NE/4 OF SEC 36 T25N R3W
Zoning District: LDR

All documents are available for review at, and comments should be sent to:

Crawford County Building & Zoning Department
200 W. Michigan Ave. - Annex Building
Grayling, MI 49738

Joseph Duran, Director

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Case #Z221-02 Request to construct a garage at residence.

Petitioner: Tammy Pardue
11734 Baric Dr.
Roscommon, MI 48653

The above case refers to the following described property:

Property Code: 052-502-000-110-00
Property Address: 11734 Baric Dr.
Roscommon, MI 48653
Property Desc: LOT 110 HOLIDAY HEIGHTS 2, W/2, NW/4, SW/4
Zoning District: LDR

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LEGAL ACTION

MORTGAGE SALE

MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Daniel E. Albergo and Bridget M. Albergo, husband and wife, of 656 Sigsbee, Grayling, MI 49738, Michigan, Mortgagees, to Grayling MFG's Housing, Inc., Mortgagee, dated the 10th of May, 1996 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Crawford and State of Michigan, on the 10th day of June, 1996 in Liber 412, Crawford County Records, Page

564, said mortgage having been assigned to Conesco Finance Servicing Corp., f/k/a Green Tree Financial Corporation d/b/a Green Tree Acceptance, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, the sum of Fifty Four Thousand One Hundred Seventy Five & 52/100 (\$54,175.52), and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the 6th day of

June, 2002 at 10:00 o'clock a.m. Local Time, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at front door to the county building in Grayling, Michigan (that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford is held) of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, as aforesaid, on said mortgage, with interest thereon at 9.22 per annum and all legal costs, charges, and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises. Which said

premises are described as follows: All that certain piece of parcel of land situated in the Township of Grayling, County of Crawford and State of Michigan, and described as follows, to wit:

A Parcel of land located in the Northeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 34, Town 27 North, Range 2 West, Grayling Township, Crawford County, Michigan, being further described as follows: Commencing at the South 1/4 corner of said Section 34, Town 27 North, Range 2 West, thence North 00 degrees 43 minutes 00 seconds East along the N-S 1/4 line, 3340.20 feet for a Point of Beginning; thence continuing

North 00 degrees 43 minutes 00 seconds East, a distance of 333.75 feet; thence North 89 degrees 40 minutes 42 seconds West, a distance of 656.00 feet; thence South 00 degrees 41 minutes 59 seconds West (recorded as S 00 degrees 40 minutes 30 seconds West), a distance of 333.50 feet; thence South 89 degrees 39 minutes 23 seconds East (recorded as S. 89 degrees 47 minutes East 455.50 feet), a distance of 655.90 feet to the Point of Beginning.

During the twelve (12) months immediately following the sale, the property may be redeemed, except that in the event that the property is determined to be abandoned pur-

suant to MCL A 600.3241a, the property may be redeemed during the 30 days immediately following the sale.

Dated May 2, 2002
Conesco Finance Servicing Corp.
f/k/a Green Tree Financial Servicing Corp. Mortgagee
Fabrizio & Brook, P.C.
Jonathan L. Engman (P56364)
Attorney for Conesco Finance
888 W. Big Beaver, Ste. 1470
Troy, MI 48064
(248) 269-8684

-2-9-16-23-30

GRAYLING TOWNSHIP CRAWFORD COUNTY, MICHIGAN ORDINANCE NO: 2002-1

A FRANCHISE granting to GREAT LAKES ENERGY COOPERATIVE, its successors and assigns, the right, power and authority to market and/or supply electricity and electrical services to customers within Grayling Township through and over existing and/or future electrical transmission lines and equipment owned and operated by an authorized public utility and located within the limits of Grayling Township for a period of years; to charge for such electricity and electrical services; and to hold Grayling Township harmless from all claims arising from the granting of said franchise and the operations of the franchise thereunder.

Section No. 1: GRANT

(A) Grayling Township (Grantor) hereby grants to Great Lakes Energy Cooperative, its successors and assigns, the right, power and authority to market and/or supply electricity and electrical services to customers within Grayling Township through and over existing and/or future electrical transmission lines and equipment owned and operated by an authorized public utility under a franchise with the grantor and located within then limits of Grayling Township, and to do local electrical business as an electrical power marketer and third party supplier of electricity in Grayling Township.

(B) The Grantor further grants to the Grantee the right, power, and authority to construct and/or maintain electrical equipment in the following circumstances where such construction is necessary to connect the Grantee's customers to facilities owned and operated by an authorized public utility under a franchise with the Grantor and located within the limits of Grayling Township.

Section No. 2: TERM

The franchise shall be for a term of 30 years.

Section No. 3: CONSIDERATION

In consideration of the rights, powers, and authority granted herein, the Grantee shall faithfully perform all things required by this franchise.

Section No. 4: CONDITIONS

As an electric power marketer and a third party supplier of electricity and electrical services, the Grantee will not impair, obstruct, or attempt to control any street, alley, bridge, highway, waterway or other public place. Further, to the maximum extent possible, Grantee shall place its electrical system on, within, and along existing utility facilities in the Public Ways.

Section No. 5: USE OF PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY BY GRANTEE

(A) **No burden on Public Ways.** Grantee and its contractors, subcontractors and the Grantee's Electric System shall not unduly burden or interfere with the present or future use of any of the Public Ways with in the Grantor Township. Grantee shall erect and maintain its Electric System so as to cause minimum interference with the use of the public ways and the rights or reasonable convenience of property owners. No Public Way shall be obstructed longer than necessary during the work or construction or repair to the Electric System. Grantee's cable, wires, structures and equipment shall be suspended or buried so as to not endanger or injure persons or property in the Public Ways. If the Grantor in its reasonable judgment determines that any portion of the Electric System constitutes an undue burden or interference, Grantee at its expense shall modify its Electric System to take such other actions as the Grantor may determine is in the Public interest to remove or alleviate the burden, and the Grantee shall do so within the time period established by the Grantor.

(B) **Restoration of Public Ways.** Grantee and its contractors and subcontractors shall immediately restore, at Grantee's sole cost and expense and in a manner approved by the Grantor, any portion of the Public Way that is in any way disturbed, damaged, or injured by construction, operation, maintenance or removal of the Electric System to as good or better condition than that which existed prior to the disturbance. In the event that Grantee, its contractors and/or subcontractors fail to make such repair within the time specified by the Grantor, the Grantor shall be entitled to complete the repair and the Grantee shall pay the costs to the Grantor for such repair.

(C) **Easements.** Any easements over or under private property necessary for the construction or operation of the Electric System shall be arranged and paid for by Grantee. Any use or intrusion on private property without an easement or other instrument evidencing permission of the property owner shall constitute a trespass by Grantee and a violation of this Ordinance. Any easement over or under property owned by the Grantor other than the Public Ways shall be separately negotiated with the Grantor.

(D) **Tree trimming.** Grantee may trim trees upon and overhanging in the Public Ways so as to prevent the branches from such trees from coming into contact with the Electric System. Grantee shall minimize the trimming of trees to trimming only those that are essential to maintain the integrity of its Electric System. No trimming shall be done in the Public Ways without previously informing the Grantor.

(E) **Marking.** Grantee shall mark its Electric System as follows: Aerial portions of the Electric System shall be marked with a marker on its lines on alternate poles which shall state Grantees name and provide a toll free number to call for assistance. Direct buried underground portions of the Electric System shall have 1) a conducting wire placed in the ground at least several inches above the Grantee's cable or wire (if such cable or wire is non-conductive), 2) at least several inches above that a continuous colored tape with Grantee's name and toll free number and a statement to the effect that there is buried cable beneath, and 3) stakes or other appropriate above ground markers with Grantee's name and toll free number indicating that there is buried cable below.

(F) **Public emergency.** The Grantor shall have the right to sever, disrupt, dig up or otherwise destroy facilities of Grantee, without any prior notice, if such action is deemed necessary because of public emergency. Public emergency shall be any condition which, in the opinion of any of the officials named, poses an immediate threat to the lives or property of the citizens of Grantor, caused by any natural or man made disaster including but not limited to, storms, floods, fire, accidents, explosion, hazardous material spills, etc. Grantee shall be responsible for repair at is sole expense of any of its facilities damaged pursuant to any such action by the Grantor.

Section No. 6: NONEXCLUSIVITY OF FRANCHISE

The rights, power, and authority granted by this Franchise are not exclusive.

Section No. 7: REVOCATION

This franchise granted by this Ordinance is subject to revocation at will by the Grantor.

Section No. 8: INDEMNIFICATION/HOLD HARMLESS

As a part of the consideration for granting this Franchise, the Grantee shall, at its sole cost and expense, at all times keep and save the Grantor, its officers, Boards, commissions, agents, and employees free and harmless from all loss, costs, and expense to which Grantor may be subject to by reason of the operation of the Grantee. In case action is commenced against the Grantor on account of the permission granted in this franchise, or as a result of actions taken by the Grantee under the terms of this franchise (whether consistent with the terms of the franchise or in breach thereof), the Grantee shall, upon notice, defend the Grantor, and indemnify the Grantor against any loss, costs, and/or damages (including but not limited damages resulting from negligent construction and maintenance; damages to any former holder of a public utility franchise whose franchise may have revoked and superseded by this franchise) arising out of any such action commenced. As a further part of the consideration of granting this franchise, the Grantee shall pay actual attorney fees, costs, and other expenses incurred by the Grantor in responding to any claim, demand, lawsuit, action, and/or administrative proceeding which the Grantor has incurred prior to any Notice of the Grantor being sent to the Grantee demanding Grantee defend it.

Section No. 9: RIGHTS OF GRANTOR

This franchise shall be subject to the right of the Grantor:

- (1) To require proper and adequate extension of plant and service maintenance at the highest practical standard of efficiency;
- (2) To establish reasonable standards of service and quality of products, and prevent unjust discrimination in service or rates;
- (3) To require service in accordance with the terms of the franchise throughout the entire period;
- (4) To impose such other regulations as may be determined by the Board to be conducive to the safety, welfare and accommodation of the public;
- (5) To require the Grantee to permit joint use of its property and the appurtenances located in the streets, alleys, and public places of the township, by the Grantor and other utilities insofar as such joint use may be reasonably practicable and upon payment of reasonable rental; provided that however, in the absence of agreement, upon application by the Grantee, the Board shall provide for arbitration of the terms and conditions of such joint use and the compensation to be paid therefor.

The rights of the Grantor enumerated herein shall not be exercised or construed in a manner which conflicts with the express terms and conditions of this franchise, nor with the rules and regulations set forth by the Michigan Public Service Commission governing the provision of electric or gas service by Grantee.

Section No. 10: VACATION OF RIGHT OF WAYS AND RELOCATION OF FACILITIES

The Grantor has the right to vacate any public right of way within the Grantor as well as any right to use same possessed by the Grantee, and/or the Grantor may require the Grantee to relocate its lines and facilities at said Grantee's own expense when such vacation and/or relocation is made necessary to secure the public health and welfare or is otherwise required by the Grantor in the exercise of a government function.

Section No. 11: JURISDICTION

The Grantee shall be and remain subject to all ordinances, rules and regulations of the Grantor now in effect or which may be subsequently adopted for the regulation of land

uses or for the protection of the health, safety, and general welfare of the public; provided however that nothing shall be construed as a waiver by the Grantee of any of its existing or future rights under state and federal law or in a limitation upon the existing or future powers of the Grantor pursuant to state or federal law.

Section No. 12: MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

(A) **Jurisdiction.** The Grantee shall, as all other conditions and elements of service not fixed, be subject to the reasonable rules and regulations of the Michigan Public Service Commission or its successors, applicable to electric service in Grayling Township, to the extent such Commission (or its successors) has such jurisdiction.

(B) **Filing.** The Grantee shall provide the Grantor such copies of all documents which the Grantee sends to the Michigan Public Service Commission and copies of all Orders, decisions, or correspondence which the Grantee receives from the Michigan Public Service Commission. The Grantee shall permit the Grantor to inspect and examine all records the Grantee is required to maintain or file under the rules and regulations of the Michigan Public Service Commission, relating to service under this Ordinance.

Section No. 13: UNDERGROUND RELOCATION

If the Grantee has its facilities on above ground utility poles and the owners of said poles relocates its facilities to an underground conduit, the Grantee shall relocate its facilities in the same underground conduit.

Section No. 14: INSURANCE

Grantee shall maintain the following insurance coverage:

- A comprehensive general liability insurance policy, including Completed Operations Liability, Independent Contractors Liability Coverage, Contractual liability coverage, and coverage for property damage from perils of explosion, collapse, or damage to underground utilities, commonly known as XCU coverage, in an amount not less than Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00);
- An Automobile Liability Insurance Policy to cover any vehicles used in connection with its activities under this Ordinance, in an amount not less than Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00).
- A Worker's Compensation and Employer's Liability Insurance Policy with statutory limits.

The Grantor shall be named as an additional insured on all applicable policies. Grantee shall provide written verification of the coverage to the Grantor. The policies shall be written in a manner so that the policies may not be modified or canceled without at least thirty days notice to the Grantor. The insurance carrier used by the Grantee shall be rated A+ or better by the A.M. Best Company. All policies shall be issued from insurance carriers licensed to do business in Michigan, or by surplus line carriers on the Michigan Insurance Commission approved list of companies qualified to do business in Michigan.

Section No. 15: FORCE MAJEURE

The Grantee shall not be under any liability for failure to furnish electrical service as herein provided or for any breach of the Grantee's obligations hereunder, if such failure or breach is caused by acts of God, labor troubles, riot, or any other causes or contingencies not reasonably within the control of the Grantee.

Section No. 16: SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS

The words "Great Lakes Energy Cooperative" and the "Grantee" whenever used herein are intended and shall be held and construed to mean and include both Great Lakes Energy Cooperative and its successors and assigns, whether so expressed or not.

Section No. 17: EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall take effect on the day following the date of publication thereof, which publication shall be made within 30 days of its adoption by the Grantor. It shall however, cease and be of no effect after 60 days from its adoption, unless within said 60 days the Grantee shall accept the same in writing and file its acceptance with the clerk. Upon acceptance and publication hereof, this Ordinance shall constitute a contract between Grantor and said Grantee.

Ayes: Five Attested, by Order of the Township of
Nays: None Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan
Date Passed: May 8, 2002

Monica S. Ashton
Township Clerk
Terry R. Wright
Township Supervisor

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned, being duly qualified and acting Clerk of Grayling Township, Crawford County, Michigan, hereby certifies that 1) the foregoing is a true and complete copy of the resolution duly adopted by the Township Board at a regular meeting held on May 8, 2002, at which meeting a quorum was present and remained throughout, 2) the original thereof is on file in the records in my office, 3) the meeting was conducted and a public notice was given, pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, and 4) minutes of such meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required thereby.

Dated: May 9, 2002
Monica S. Ashton
Township Clerk

FEATURES

A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

23 Years Ago May 17, 1979

A professional teaching career that extends back to 1946 will conclude at the end of this school year when Middle School teacher and musical director LeRoy Christian retires. His leaving will conclude 33 years with the Crawford-AuSable School system.

46 Years Ago May 17, 1956

Six Viking trackmen qualified Saturday at the regional meet in Traverse City to compete in the State Track Meet. They are Keith Warner, Lloyd Failing, Duke LaMotte, Dave Lowe, Gary Worden, and Gary Parkinson.

A Detroit motorist was killed Sunday night when the automobile he was driving in alone, missed a curve on M-76 south of Grayling and struck a tree.

Bids for construction of the new million dollar Grayling Mercy Hospital were termed as "highly satisfactory" by architect Gordon Cornwall who was present at their opening.

Notice!! City Manager Russell Carlson announce that the City Dump will be closed from 2 p.m. on Monday, May 21st to 12 noon on Tuesday, May 22nd. Poison will be spread for the rat control program, and citizens are warned to stay out of the dump and to avoid allowing children or pets near the dump.

Another landmark reminiscent of logging and wood producing past of Grayling is leaving the local scene.

The towering smokestack at the "flooring mill" of the Atlas Plywood Corp. plant on Grayling's southside is being taken down to be shipped to the Corporation's plant at Gladstone. The stack is much too large for the type of operation which Atlas intends at the local plant and it was stated that if the plant were sold the new owners would probably fire with oil and wouldn't need a large stack either.

69 Years Ago May 18, 1933

The annual J-Hopp, the big social affair of the spring season, is an event of the past and the dream of the class of '34 has been realized, while the seniors, the honor guests, have recorded in their memory. Those committee members responsible were Matilda and Virginia Engel, Charles Taylor, Virgil Garver, Wanda Cardinal, Helma Corsaut, Elaine McDonnell, Thelma Chappel, Bob LaMotte, Emil Kraus, Don Kangas, Bud Sorenson, Harold Coutts and Roger Kniff.

Lorane Sparkes has rented the old bank building and has moved his insurance business there from the Shopenagons building. Mr. Cassidy finds he will need that part of the building occupied by Mr. Sparkes.

Last Sunday Grayling baseball team went to Lovells and took that team into camp to the tune of 8 to 2. Winterlee and Brady were the battery for Grayling and John Kellogg did the throwing for Lovells.

Three games of softball Sunday on the old baseball diamond brought



The Viking Varsity Squad, May 17, 1979. Front row (left to right), Jake Helsel, Bill Lucksted, Chuck Kent, Coach Hayes, Mark Kibbe, Drake McClelland and Kevin Bowden. Middle row (left to right), Perry D'Amour, Dave Schreiber, Ken Helsel, JV Coach Fred Wolcott, Jerry Lucksted, Billy Roach and Bill Savallisch. Back row (left to right), Dale Metzger, George Bindshatell, Kent LaMotte and Joe Wieland.

victory to the team of E.S.Chalker, Sr. To start the series Sheehy's team won from Dick Lovely's team by a score of 8 to 2. Then the winner played the South Side and trounced them to the tune of 26 to 6, only to lose to Chalkers team by a lone score, the game ending 10 to 9.

92 Years Ago May 5, 1910

The whistle of the band mill has been silent for a few days while repairs were being made in the mill, but toots its welcome call to the workmen.

A lady friend of our household brought in a string of trout for our Monday dinner. She did not catch them, so we imagine "He" got up early that morning for they were delightfully fresh.

Next Monday evening will be exhibited all over North America, one of the most perfect and total

eclipses of the moon ever witnessed by this generation.

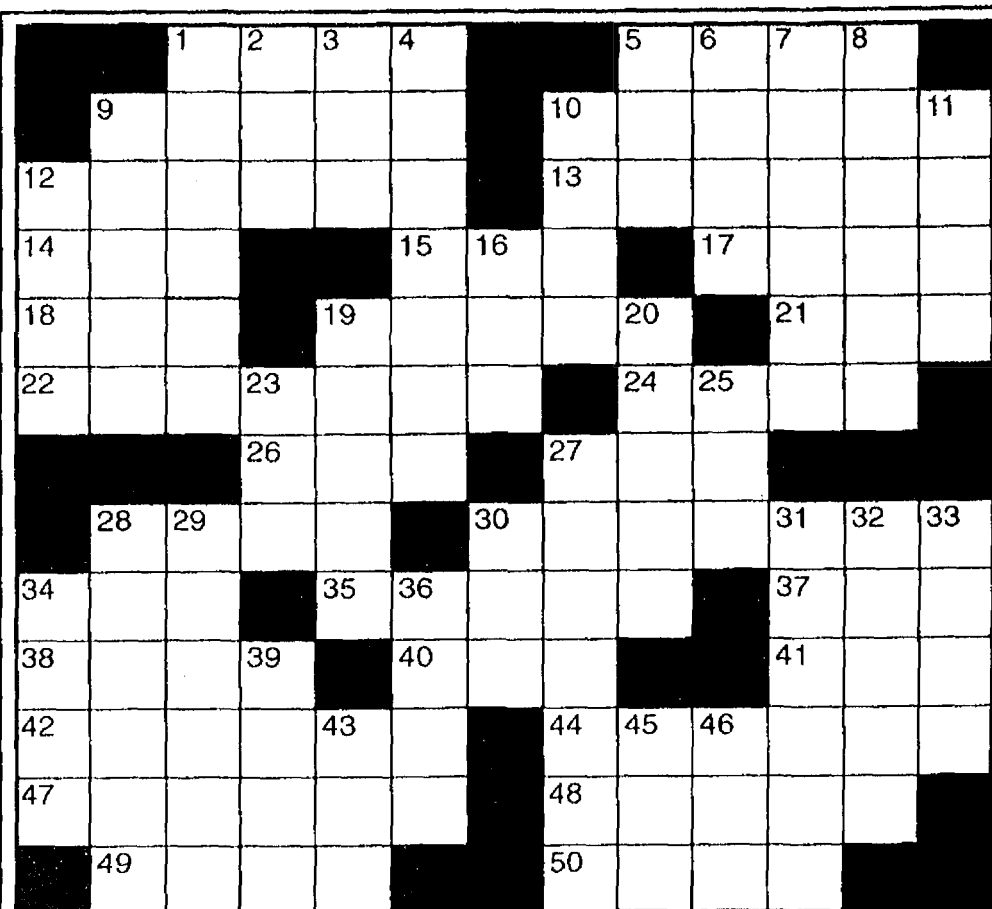
A fire was started just east and north of the Collen's cottage at the lake and the high wind soon fanned it into fury. Quite a number of our citizens went to the rescue and after several hours hard work considered it safe and many had finely blistered hands from the unusual exercise.

Our liveries, both auto and horse, are taxed to their utmost in caring for the disciples of Walton, who enjoy the best trout fishing in the state on the AuSable and its tributaries and who report fabulous catches.

Beginning on Monday the Michigan Central instituted a direct train service between Johannesburg and Gaylord. This was a long-wanted service.

School notes - The second grade wigglers now number sixty.

CROSSWORD



ACROSS

1. Arm bone
5. Match
9. Turned loose
10. Baby grands
12. River in Nebraska
13. Garb
14. Kin of John and Giovanni
15. For each
17. Hydrant hookup
18. V preceders
19. Wagered amount
21. Nantes name
22. Battery's partner in crime
24. Highland miss
26. _____ West
27. Charlie Parker's jazz style
28. Food fish
30. Initiatory rite
34. Bleating sound
35. Avoid
37. "_____ Less Bell To Answer"
38. Calm before the storm
40. Frittata ingredient
41. Thirty Years' or Six-Day
42. Military command (2 wds.)
44. Put in a zoo compartment
47. Demi Moore's *Scarlet Letter* role
48. Pours
49. Ragoût, e.g.
50. Resorts

DOWN

1. Father of the Titans
2. Give the go-ahead
3. After expenses
4. With great skill
5. Jot
6. Courtroom pledge
7. SAG and IWW
8. Midsections
9. London pads
10. Hyde, e.g.
11. "Things are seldom what they _____"
12. Tipped tower town
16. Break bread
19. "Blue _____ Shoes"
20. Marry in haste
23. Alias initials
25. Very likely
27. Harasses
28. Pan fries
29. Most healthy
30. Annoy, slangily
31. Inhabitants of the Hawkeye State
32. Catches
33. Parisian parent
34. Mundane
36. Look lustfully
39. Former
43. Suture
45. Toddler's time-out
46. Gp. based in VA

ANSWERS IN THE CLASSIFIEDS



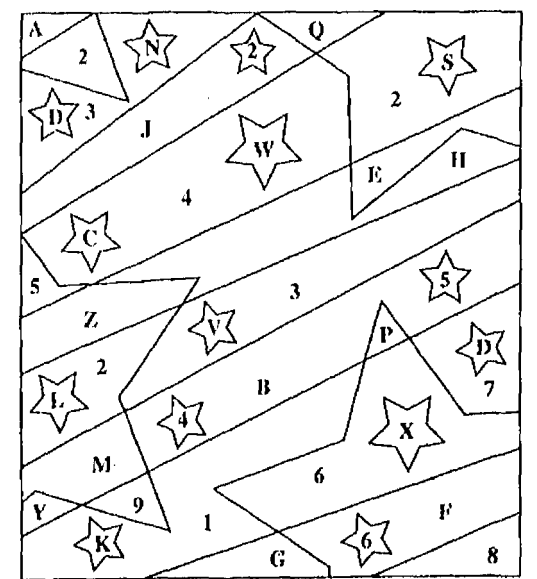
Frosted Mini Marshmallow Squares

8 cups Frosted Mini Chex cereal
1/4 cup butter or margarine
1 bag (10 1/2 ounces) miniature marshmallows (6 cups)
1 teaspoon vanilla.

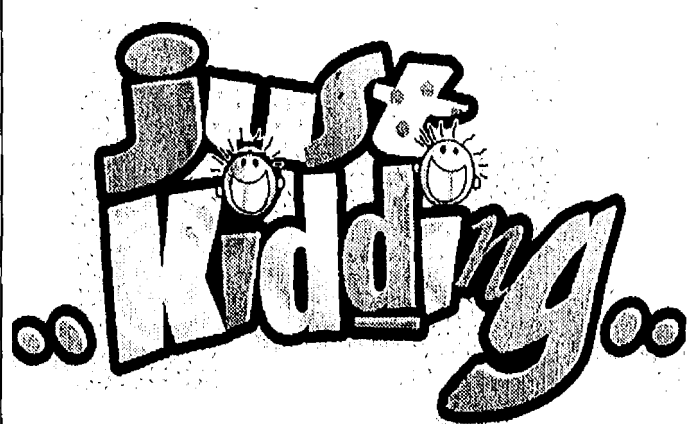
Measure cereal into extra-large bowl; set aside. Grease rectangular pan, 13x9x2 inches. Microwave butter in large microwaveable bowl uncovered on High about 45 seconds or until melted.

Add marshmallows; toss until coated. Microwave uncovered on High about 1 minute 30 seconds, stirring after 45 seconds, until mixture can be stirred smooth. Stir in vanilla. Pour over cereal in bowl, stirring until evenly coated. Press in pan. Cool about 1 hour or until firm. For squares, cut into 6 rows by 4 rows. Store loosely covered. Makes 24 squares. **Because microwaves cook differently, times are approximate.

HIDDEN PICTURE



Color in each space that contains a letter.



DID YOU KNOW?
The turkey was
wrongly named for the
country thought to be
the place of its origin

SEEK AND FIND

FIND THESE WORDS IN THE PUZZLE BELOW.

DELIGHTED HAPPY MERRY
ELATED JOLLY PLEASED
GLAD JOVIAL THRILLED
GRATIFIED JOYFUL TICKLED

THE WORDS READ UP, DOWN AND ACROSS.

S Y D H K C X A S W
G P W J O Y F U L Q
R P M O Y J T R E W
A A E V E O D I P U
T H R I L L E D L O
I K R A A L L L E P
F J Y L T Y K H A G
I C S A E S C D S F
E G L A D W I B E N
D E L I G H T E D M

Adopt a Pet



Stop in and pet a dog or
cat today... you just might
meet your best friend!

There is a 7 - 8 month old male husky/shepherd mix available for adoption at the shelter, but due to technical difficulties, his photo is unavailable. He is very gentle, friendly and mellow for a dog his age. He is near full size at 60 lbs. Also, a litter of puppies will be ready for adoption in another week or so. Please call 348-4117 for more information on opening your home to a homeless animal. Or, e-mail: animal_director@yahoo.com.

Don't forget: You can help the shelter by signing up for Glen's eScrip program, (just like the old "Save-Share program") at the courtesy counter at any Glen's Family Market or sign up on line by logging onto: www.eScrip.com. Be sure to use the Animal Shelter of Crawford County's group number of 34024 so the animals will benefit from this fund-raising program.

The Animal Shelter of Crawford County is located at:
508 1/2 Huron Street (M-72 East) in Grayling
Between the Road Commission and the Eagles Hall
Hours: Mon. - Sat. 9am - 1pm; Sun. and Holidays 8am - 11am
After hour appointments available.

HOROSCOPES

For the Week of May 16, 2002



Capricorn
December 22-
January 19

When all is said and done, you'll come out on top. A short trip may be on the agenda. Now is the time to try something new. Focus on what's important to you.



Taurus
March 21-
April 19

Don't let a big job prove too daunting—break it down into small parts for the best result. You have an opportunity to express your views to people in authority. A small purchase lifts your spirits.



Cancer
June 22-
July 22

Get a handle on your finances—you may find some surprises. You're in demand and know what to say and when to say it. Get that home improvement project done!



Leo
September 23-
October 22

Domestic affairs are a cause for celebration. Take advantage of a unique opportunity to help others. Pay attention to details but also look at the whole picture.



Pisces
January 20-
February 18

You have more talents than you realize. A problem solves itself and you'll like the outcome. While helping others, make sure to take time for yourself. Get your rest!



Taurus
April 20-
May 20

People are attracted to your energy and enthusiasm—it's your time in the spotlight. Don't rush into things. Take your time and accomplish more. Finances are on the front burner.



Leo
July 23-
August 22

A new project is just the thing to trigger your creativity and enthusiasm. Make sure you have the facts before making a presentation. Focus on friends and family.



Leo
October 23-
November 21

Act now to end a quarrel or disagreement. You may have to make concessions, but it will be worth it in the long run. Budget matters require extra attention.



Pisces
February 19-
March 20

Long-distance communication focuses on special times and memories. You get the green light for a long-awaited project. Someone in authority is watching you.



Taurus
May 21-
June 21

A friend may be trying to spin things their way. Find out both sides of the story before making a judgment. Events come into view and you'll see what has been hidden. Splurge on that special someone.



Leo
August 23-
September 22

Your solution to a nagging problem is successful. Doing things a new way offers you a unique opportunity for success. Keep an eye on your budget and choose quality over quantity.



Leo
November 22-
December 21

Things are looking up for you at home and at work. Focus on your goals and do what needs to be done first. Invite friends or family over for a quiet evening.

WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

Last Week

Date	H	L	Rain
5/08	57	35	
5/09	59	37	.25
5/10	57	40	.08
5/11	52	25	
5/12	56	38	.35
5/13	56	38	.04
5/14	53	38	.07

Extended Forecast

(Courtesy of the Weather.com)

Weekend	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
High	66	58	52	44	50	56	56
Low	51	34	31	29	29	31	31
Conditions	Mostly Sunny	AM Rain	AM Showers	Rain/Snow Showers	Mostly Cloudy	Scattered Showers	Scattered Showers

ADVERTISING CLASSIFIED

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 Display Advertising Rate - \$6.00 per column inch
 Deadline for Display Classifieds - 12 noon, Monday
 Classifieds by the word rate - \$4.20 for 15 words or less, 10¢ per each additional word; includes Internet listing:
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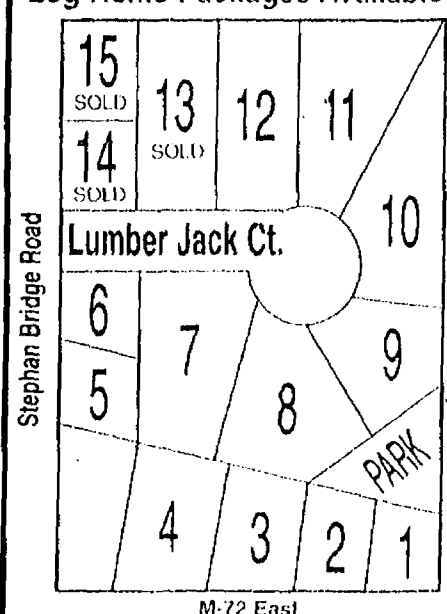
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1. Real Estate

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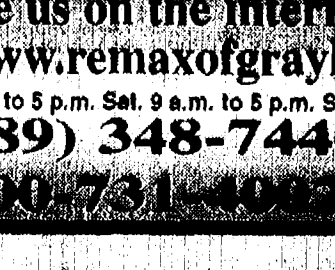
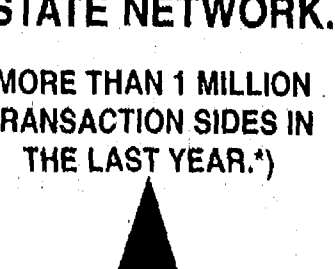
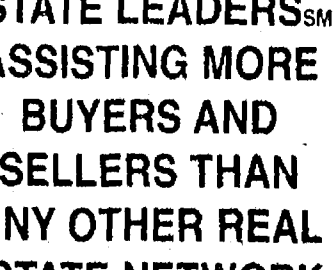
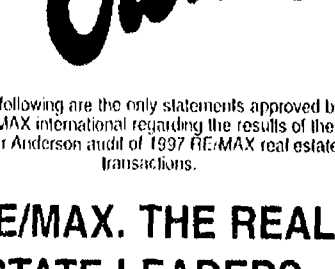
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AuSable River Home

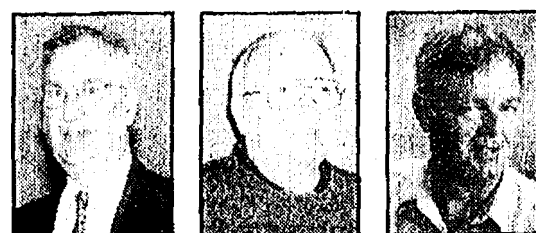
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3. Employment

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3. Employment

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3. Employment

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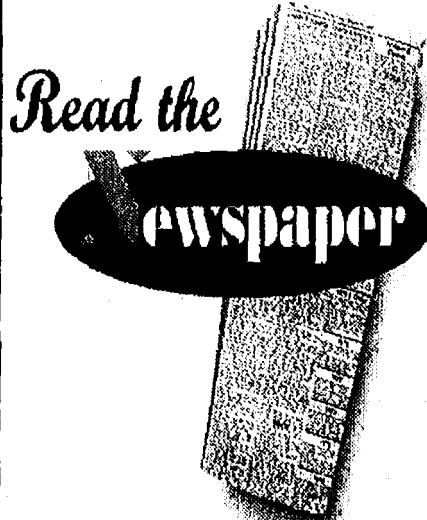
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SOUTH HIGGINS LAKE State Park Picnic Table Sale. May 18, 10-3, \$5 each. Limit three per customer. No pre sales. All tables must be removed by 4:30 p.m., May 18. (-16/5)

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7. Miscellaneous

SIGNS AND LETTERING for business, boats, trucks, trailers, any size, any color. Call Pete Kocenas (989) 348-8627 or 1-800-848-1268 (4/25/02)7/7

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8. Announcements

ATTENTION: LADY GOLFERS It's "Tee" Time again, if you enjoy golf and love to have fun, then the Monday night "Chicks with Sticks" Golf League is for you. We play a different game and give away prizes every night. You do not have to be a member to play. We are having a meeting on Monday, May 20 at 5:30 p.m. at the Grayling Country Club. Hope to see you there!!!! (-16/8)

GRA SENIOR SOFTBALL (50 and over) will begin Tuesday, June 4. This is a show up and play program. Please call us if you are interested at (989) 348-9266 (-9-16-23-30/8)

SPOTLIGHT YOUR GRADUATE

Put your favorite graduate in the spotlight now by reserving space in the special graduation section for the GHS Class of 2002.

This pull-out, keepsake section will feature the Class of 2002 with individual photos and the plans of each graduating senior plus, photos and articles relating to the class activities and accomplishments.

These pages will be published in the May 30 edition of the Avalanche.

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8. Announcements

THE PAPER DOLLS Scrapbook & Rubberstamp Club! When: Every Other Wednesday. Time: 5 - 9 p.m. Where: Days Inn, Grayling. Cost will vary depending upon attendance. 2002 Paper Doll Schedule. May 22, June 5, 19, July 3, 17, 31, August 14, 28, September 11, 25, October 9, 23, November 6, 20, December 4, & 18. (5/9/02)(f/8)

GRAYLING HOLIDAY INN'S Speakeasy Saloon live entertainment. Wednesday thru Saturday bands playing. May 15 - May 18 CP2, May 22 - May 25 CP2, May 29 - June 1 Uncle Ugly. Happy Hour is back! 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. 25 oz. drafts, \$2; Bass Ale and Guinness Stout, 25 oz. \$5. (-16-23/8)

IN ACCORDANCE with Federal Law, Crawford AuSable Day Care Center is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability. (-16/8)

PAT MERRILL for School Board. Please vote on June 10. Paid for by Pat Merrill. (-16/8)

KARAOKE FRIDAY AND SATURDAY night 9-? Plaza Bar. Come and join the fun. (1/24/02)(f/8)

ATTENTION KAREN WOODS RESIDENTS: I'm an Avon Rep. in your area. If any of you are interested in a current brochure please call Sandy at 344-2806 and I'll order a brochure for you. Thanks. (-2-9-16-23-30/8)

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Goodales Mini Storage

4602 Hanson St., Grayling, MI 49738 will sell the following storage unit at Public Auction on

June 12, 2002 at 1:00 p.m.

Unit AA5 rented to Linda Barth contains Auto parts, clothing, wicker furniture, doll house, bird cage, dresser, sewing machine, misc. books & magazines.

Unit C53 rented to Lisa Goslyn contains bedroom furniture, suitcases, sewing machine, toys, fishing gear, garden supplies, tools, collectible cards, chainsaw.

Unit C43 rented to Amy Kozik contains TV, clothing, fishing gear, camping gear, table, chairs.

Unit C45 rented to Patty & Scott Hanson contains books, military clothing, dishes, Christmas decorations, gas can.

Unit C67 rented to Joseph Fritz contains washer, dryer, stereo equipment, video equipment, sporting goods, fans, auto parts, dishes, clothing, TV, CD rack, toys, ceramic tile.

Unit C70 rented to Jodee Gohnick contains electric stove, dryer, microwave, toys, clothing, Barbie dolls, furniture, pictures, Sega games, jewelry, crafts, Christmas decorations, dishes, typewriter, electric cord organ.

Unit C76 rented to Glenn Miller contains ladders, TV, work light, 3D puzzles, bike, bowling ball, roller blades, jack, crossbow, clothing, clock radio, shop vac, game table, stereo equipment.

Unit D88 rented to Jennifer Jo Trudeau contains washer, dryer, rollaway bed, crib.

Unit D101 rented to Trina Root contains gas grill, furniture, bikes, clothing.

Unit E2 rented to Chris Whaley contains toys, clothes, furniture.

Unit E3 rented to William Tipton contains bow, computer games, military uniform, CD's, furniture, knives, movies, books.

Unit E32 rented to Rachel Anderson contains TV, stereo equipment, books, dishes, auto parts, toys, claw foot bath tub, typewriter, sink, cast iron pots and pans.

Unit F14 rented to Dean Worden contains skis, clothing, paintings, furniture, dishes, suitcases, albums, chainsaw, camera.

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8. Announcements

HANNAH AND EMILY THOMAS Grandma Beth and Paw love you to the moon and stars and back. See you soon. (-16/9)

40TH BIRTHDAY PARTY for Cheryl Mott (Yoder) May 25 at Blair Township Hall in Grawn, 2-6. Call Pati for any questions (989) 348-4555. (-16/9)

10. Garage Sales

GARAGE SALE May 16 and 17, 9 to 4. Dishes, pots and pans, toaster oven, microwave, antique electric stove, table, drill press, desk, roller blades, Avon, car jacks, car radios, clothes, aprons, zippers, boots, antiques and more. Take I-75 North - Frederic exit turn right 1/2 mile, across from cemetery. 4527 County Road 612. (-16/10)

ANTIQUÉ GLASS and Garage Sale. 1350 W. Federal Highway, Roscommon. One mile east of I-75, exit 244. Friday, May 24 thru Monday, May 27, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Glass, books, tools and miscellaneous. (-16-23/10)

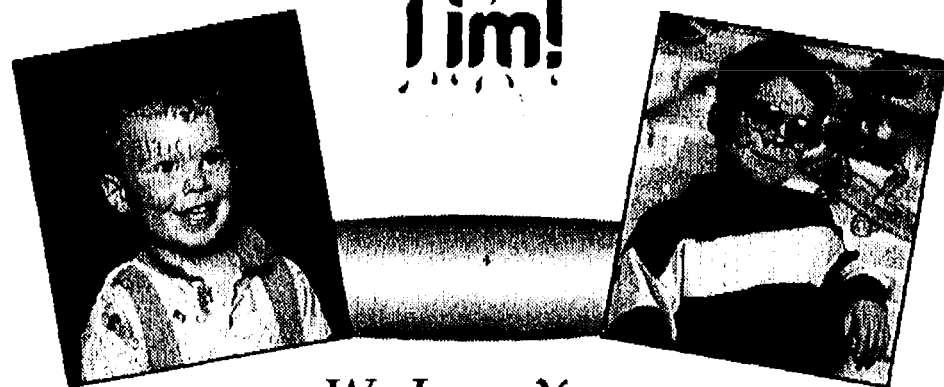
THREE FAMILY GARAGE SALE 3085 Rasmus Drive. May 17, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. May 18, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Twin bed, snow blower, Heatlatter, Craftsman tractor snowplow, exercise bike and much more. Subdivision near Camp Grayling. (-16/10)

GARAGE SALE Saturday and Sunday, May 18 and 19, 9 to 3. 312 Evergreen Dr., down the road from J.J.'s. (-16/10)

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9. Personals

Happy 16th Birthday Tim!



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Saturday, May 18 • 9am to 2pm

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10. Garage Sales

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ADVERTISING DEADLINES: Regular Display - 1/2 to full page, 5 p.m. Thursday. All others 5 p.m. Friday. Classified Display - 12 noon Monday. Classified by the word - 12 noon Tuesday. These deadlines may change with notice due to holidays or special publication.

FRIDAY, SATURDAY, 10-5 Table and chairs, tree stands, bow and arrows, paddle boat, ATV's, microwaves, refrigerator, 15 foot boat and trailer, lots of miscellaneous. Take 72 East to Stephan Bridge Rd., turn right, go two miles to Rustic Lane turn right, first house on left. (-16/10)

ONE DAY ONLY, Friday, May 17. Townley's Annual Garage Sale at 206 Misty Way. 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. Clothes, dishes, knick knacks, toys and lots of goodies. (-16/10)

GARAGE SALE 6204 Alex Rd., 10-6, Monday thru Sunday. (-16/10)

GARAGE SALE! Eight miles west on M-72, turn right on Goose Creek Road follow signs. May 18 and 19, 9-5. Many items. VCR, skis, desk, stereo, topper for Dakota and many other miscellaneous items. (-16/10)

10. Garage Sales

GARAGE SALE Saturday, May 18, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Corner of Ole Dam Rd. and Nottingham. Gray house on the right. Come help us recycle our treasures. (-16/10)

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Saturday, May 18

9 to 5

Sunday, May 19

12 to 4

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M-72 West.

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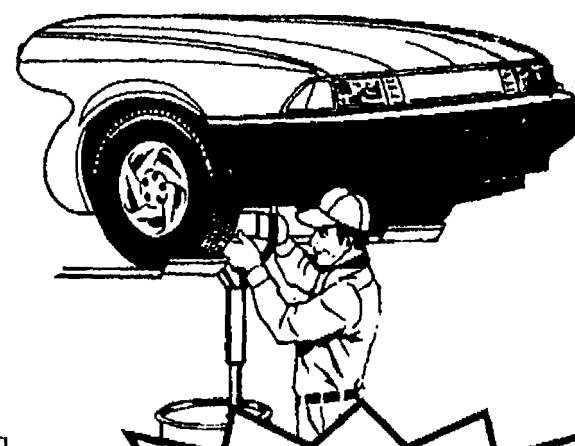
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83RD DISTRICT COURT

Sentencings for January 2002

Honorable John G. Hunter:

Kimberly Ann (Michels) Prause, 24 of Grayling: Non Sufficient Funds Check Under \$100; ordered to pay \$260 in fines/costs and/or 66 days in jail and \$400 in restitution.

Terry Allen Near, 43 of Mio: Marine Safety-Impaired; ordered to pay \$800 in fines/cost and/or 63 days in jail.

William Craig Hamilton, 32 of Oscoda: Non Sufficient Funds check Under \$100; ordered to pay \$610 in fines/costs and/or 68 days in jail and \$78 in restitution.

Elizabeth Mac Press, 39 of Grayling: Grayling City Ordinance #4; ordered to pay \$60 in fines/costs.

Robert John Rogalski, 57 of Pinckney: Enter Posted/Prohibited Area With Auto; ordered to pay \$65 in fines/costs.

Michael Francis Joseph, 24 of Frederic: License Suspended/Revoked, Allow Suspended Person to Operate; ordered to pay \$680 in fines/costs and/or 60 days in jail and 181 days probation.

Joseph Matthew Haskin, 48 of

Grayling: Controlled Substance/Prescription - Unlawful Dispense; ordered to pay \$260 in fines/cost and/or 26 days in jail, sentenced to 90 days in jail.

Craig Michael Tunstalle, 25 of Grayling: Retail Fraud Third Degree; ordered to pay \$360 in fines/costs and/or 36 days in jail and 3 days in jail.

Matthew David Argetsinger, 23 of East Jordan: Assault/Assault and Battery; ordered to pay \$500 in fines/cost and/or 50 days in jail, sentenced to 10 days in jail with credit

given for 5 days already served and 365 days of probation.

Francis Michael Joseph, 24 of Frederic: Impaired Driving; ordered to pay \$430 in fines/cost and/or 60 days in jail.

Jeremy Ralph Tobias, 19 of Grayling: OUIL/Per Se; ordered to pay \$1,150 in fines/costs and/or 90 days in jail, sentenced to 30 days in jail with credit given for 30 days already served and 365 days probation.

David Michael Collins, 56 of Frederic: Impaired Driving; ordered

to pay \$450 in fines/costs and/or 45 days in jail.

Kimberley Colleen Riness, 33 of Grayling: Grayling City Ordinance #4; ordered to pay \$160 in fines/costs.

Carol Sue Lowmsberry, 19 of Frederic: Retail Fraud Third Degree; ordered to pay \$210 in fines/costs and/or 21 days in jail.

Warren Earl Bindschattel, 22 of Frederic: OUIL/Per Se; ordered to pay \$970 in fines/costs and/or 97 days in jail, sentenced to 30 days in jail with credit given for 26 days

already served and 365 days probation.

Vern Stewart Smith, 31 of Johannesburg: Non Sufficient Funds Check Under \$100; ordered to pay \$160 in fines/costs and/or 28 days in jail and \$126.21 in restitution.

Diana Lyn Newman, 40 of Grayling: Retail Fraud Third Degree; ordered to pay \$110 in fines/costs and/or 11 days in jail.

Viola Edna Bertl, 57 of Roscommon: Operate Without Security; ordered to pay \$309 in fines/costs and/or 30 days in jail.

William Walter LaMotte, 52 of Waters: Operate Without Security; ordered to pay \$184 in fines/costs and/or 30 days in jail.

Fareed Uddin, 19 of Brownstown, DNR - General Violations; ordered to pay \$110 in fines/costs.

Honorable Dennis Murphy

Michael Douglas Lowe, 48 of Mt. Morris: Assault/Assault and Battery and Reckless Driving; ordered to pay \$650 in fines/costs and/or 90 days in jail and 181 days probation.

MILITARY NEWS

Navy Hospitalman Darlene J. Fistler, a 2001 graduate of Roscommon High School, recently graduated from the Basic Hospital Corps School at Naval Hospital Corps School, Great Lakes, IL.

During the 14-week course, Fistler learned a wide range of medical procedures used to provide first aid and assist Navy doctors and nurses. Fistler also received an introductory instruction for service in a variety of medical environments, from fleet hospitals and shipboard medical departments to fleet Marine forces and medical administration offices.

Graduates' newly acquired skills and knowledge will enable them to help provide quality health care to Navy and Marine Corps personnel and their families. Fistler's first assignment after school will involve direct patient care, but with her training, Fistler can work in several areas, including first aid and assisting with minor surgery, pharmacy and laboratory analysis, patient transportation, and food service inspections.

Marine Corps Sgt. Steven B. Wiser was recently promoted to his current rank while serving with Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron, Marine Corps Air Station, Beaufort, SC.

Wiser was promoted based on sustained superior job performance and proficiency in his designated specialty. He also recently received the Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal.

The medal recognizes the service member's honest and faithful service during a three-year period. To earn it, Wiser achieved and maintained a satisfactory level of performance and an unblemished conduct record for the entire period.

Sgt. Wiser is the son of Laurie K. Banuskevich of Deer Park, Texas and Bradley K. Wiser of Roscommon. He is a 1998 graduate of Alma High School of Alma.

HOMETOWN NEWS

Mrs. Helen Feldhauser and her daughter, Grace Feldhauser, spent several days in Robins, GA, where they visited Helen's two-month old, great-grandson, Corbin Taylor Feldhauser and his parents, Jonathan and Stephanie Feldhauser. Jonathan is stationed at the Air Base.

Grandparents of Corbin are Tom and Lillian Feldhauser of Peoria, AZ, Mark and Linda Crane, and Lee and Lisa Griffin all of Ft. Walton Beach, FL. Besides Helen, great-grandparents are Robert and Marie Prause of Grayling, David and Evelyn Crane of North Carolina and Jenny Preacher of Cambridge, England.

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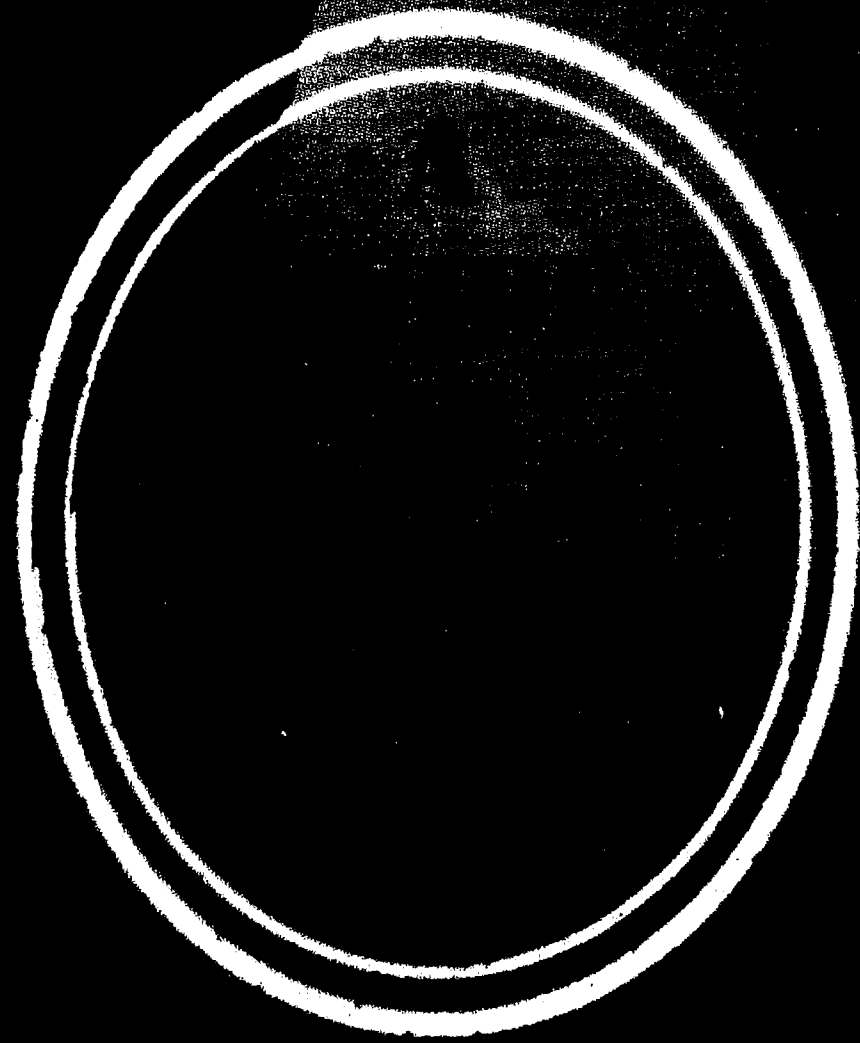
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Otsego Memorial Hospital To Offer Free Stroke Screening

Gaylord Facility To
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GAYLORD - When Pat Smith, 71, of Gaylord woke up one February morning feeling paralyzed on her right side, she knew instantly what it was. A retired registered nurse, Smith knew of her family's history of strokes, and she recognized the warning signs.

"I woke up in the morning, and part of my body felt like a thousand pound piece of concrete," Smith said. "When I woke up with it I thought, 'my worst nightmare has come true.'"

Suffering from stroke is a fear of many Americans. Stroke is the number three cause of death in the U.S. and a leading cause of serious long-term disability.

As Otsego Memorial Hospital continues to build a healthy

community, it will work toward preventing strokes by offering free stroke screenings from 9 a.m.-noon and 1-4 p.m. Saturday, May 18, in the OMH Professional Medical Building conference room, located at 829 N. Center Ave. in Gaylord.

Registration is required for the screening, which will be held in conjunction with National Hospital Week, May 12-18, and Stroke Awareness Month throughout May. Participants will be screened for blood cholesterol level, blood pressure, height, weight and body composition. To make an appointment, please call (989) 731-2193.

An ischemic stroke is caused when a blood vessel leading to the brain ruptures or is blocked. The nerve cells in the affected area of the brain can die in minutes; therefore, the part of the body they control may no longer function. This contributes to decreased mobility, impaired senses, language difficulties, problems thinking or death.



Pat Smith, 71, of Gaylord, a stroke victim

Warning signs of a stroke may include sudden numbness or weakness of the face, arms or legs; sudden confusion or trouble speaking or understanding; sudden trouble seeing in one or both eyes; sudden trouble walking; dizziness or loss of balance or coordination; and sudden severe headache with no known cause. In addition, transient ischemic attacks, or "mini strokes," precede about 10 percent of all strokes. These mini strokes have the same warning signs as a stroke but only last a few minutes.

Not all of these symptoms occur in every stroke incident. If some of them occur, it is important to call 9-1-1 and get medical help. Immediate medical attention may reduce permanent damage caused by a stroke.

"There is no one magic bullet that fixes damage caused by a stroke," said David Hansmann, M.D. in OMH's Emergency Department. "Rehabilitation therapy and preventative medicine are the cornerstones. The factors that increase risk of stroke are a family history of stroke, high blood pressure, smoking, obesity, age 55 or

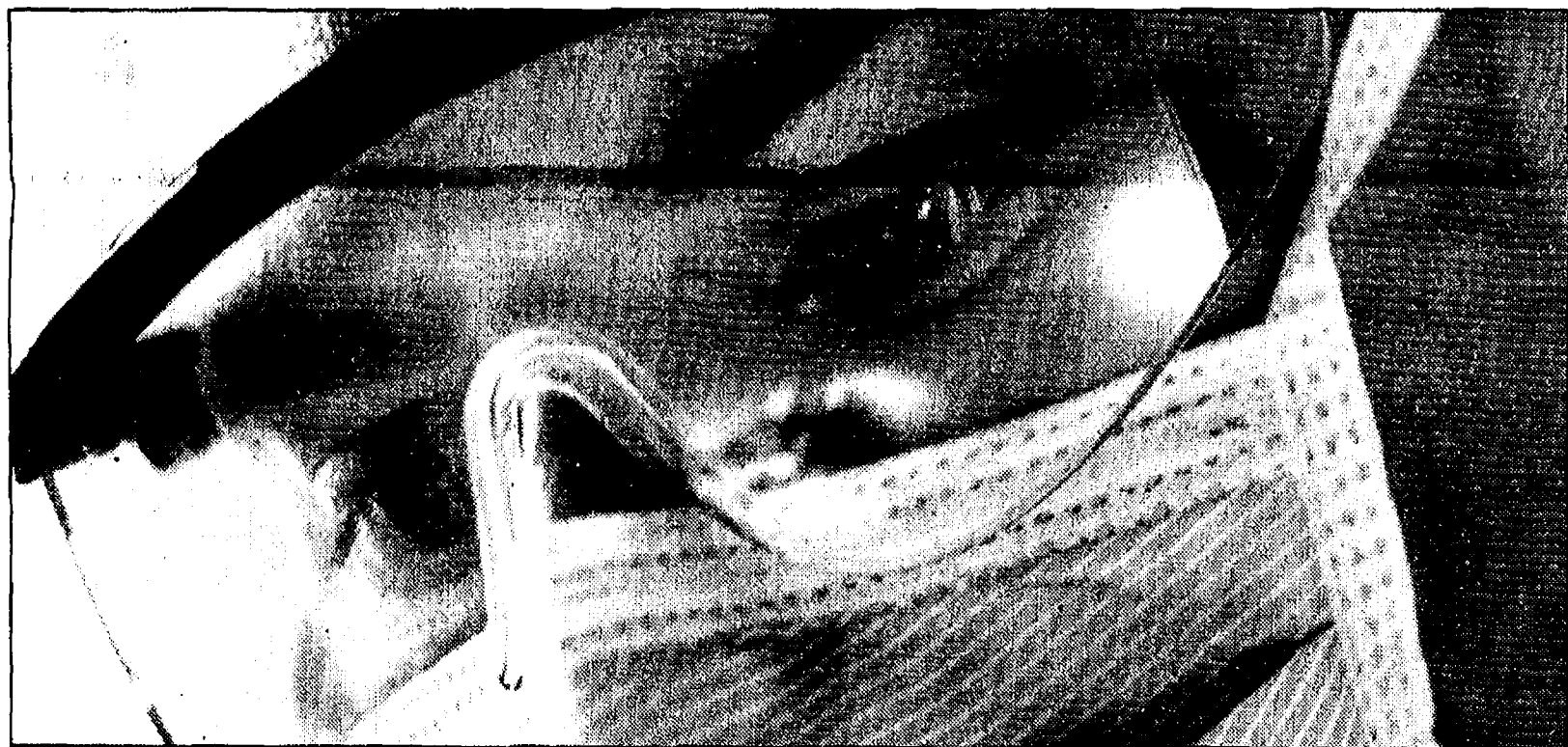
older, diabetes, heart and/or vascular disease and a heightened red blood cell count. A good diet, exercise and regular medical check-ups help decrease the risk of stroke.

"Stroke is a very widespread condition that devastates individuals and families across the U.S.," said Mary King, OMH Health Education Coordinator. "Participating in OMH's free screening will allow people to learn their risk of stroke and the steps they can take to prevent it."

A petite, active woman, Smith said her only risk factor for stroke was her family's history. And Smith feels fortunate that she underwent such a successful recovery.

When she first came into the Otsego Memorial Hospital Emergency Department unable to move, Smith didn't know if she would ever walk again. But the quality of care she received from her physician, Changxin Li, MD, and the other medical staff contributed to her speedy recovery. And through Rehabilitation Therapy at OMH, she has regained her mobility.

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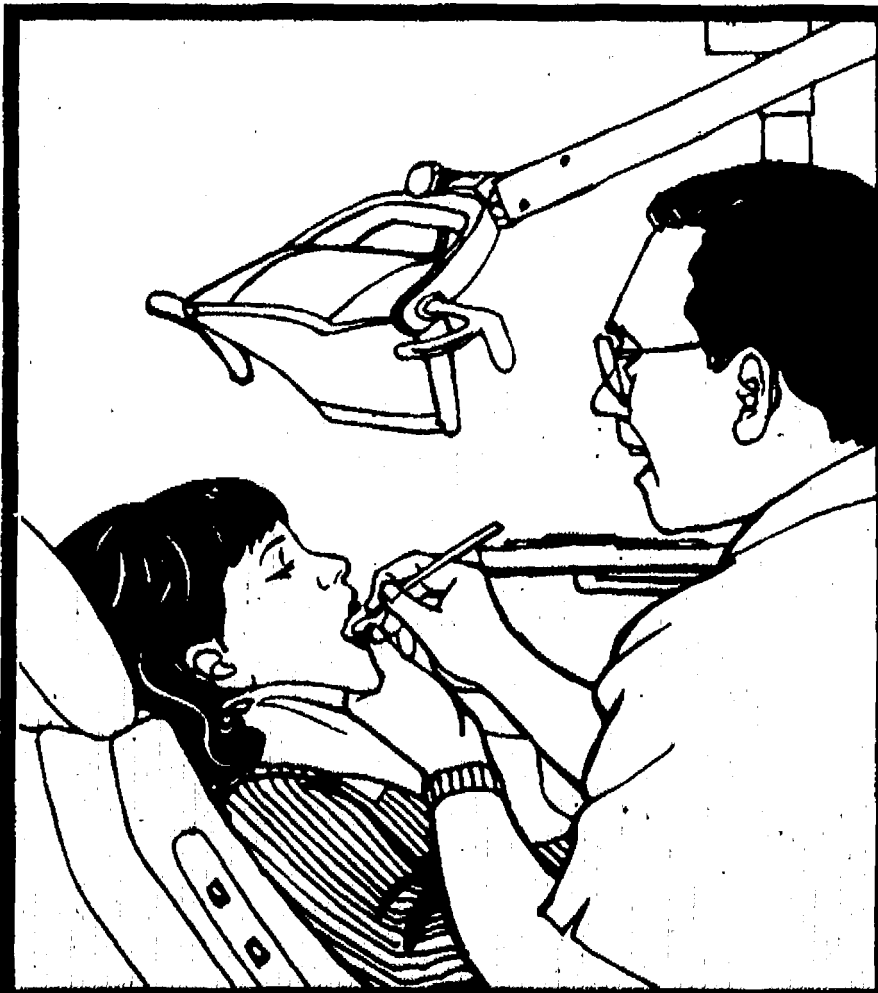
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Seven Tips To Help You Avoid Knee Injuries

(NUI) - If you love to play sports, a knee injury or knee pain can put a damper on your fun, or worse, could lead to arthritis later, as some research indicates.

No matter how athletic you are, it's important to protect yourself. Injuries can happen to anyone, but you can reduce your risk with some precautions. Tearing the anterior cruciate ligament is one common knee injury.

The ACL connects the thighbone to the shinbone. It is the protective ligament that stabilizes the knee. It can tear as a result of a sudden twist at the joint, extreme pressure, overuse or direct impact to the knee.

ACL tears occur often in con-

tact sports such as basketball, soccer and volleyball. They also are common in gymnastics and skiing. Women are more prone to ACL tears. One reason for that could be that they maneuver differently when playing a sport, in a way that puts extra pressure on the knees.

To help lower your risk of a knee injury, follow these tips:

- Warm up and stretch before a workout or playing a sport.

- Do strengthening exercises, particularly the leg muscles around your knees.

- Condition your body regularly. If you only play a sport during certain times of the year, keep your body in shape during the off season.


- Stop when you are tired. Injuries often occur at the end of an activity when the muscles and joints are fatigued.

- Wear proper shoes that are designed to provide support for the sport you play.

- Practice proper techniques when landing and turning to avoid putting unnecessary pressure on the knees. If you don't know these techniques, seek the advice of a sports medicine expert.

- Don't increase your intensity too much at once. It's better to do it gradually. The rule of thumb is no more than 10 percent per week.

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Any strain on your spinal column, for example, that results in misalignment may have an adverse effect on your nervous system. This is the system that sends impulses to every part of your body and helps to keep it func-

tioning as nature intended. Misalignments in your spine, however, may interfere with the proper functioning of your nervous systems and cause health problems.

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OMH Stroke Screening

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she has regained her mobility.

"When the physical therapists took over and asked me to do certain things, I thought, 'they must kidding,'" Smith said. "Well, I did it, and then I took bigger steps and walked faster. Eventually, I could do my exercises at home."

After a person has a stroke, a rehabilitation team is pulled together under the doctor's discretion. In addition to physical therapy, a rehabilitation program can include speech-language pathology, audiology, nutritional care, social work, chaplaincy and support groups.

Throughout her stroke treatments, Smith maintained a posi-


tive attitude.

She couldn't control what had happened to her body, but she could control the future direction she would take.

"So many people fall into depression right away," Smith said. "I thought, 'what good is that going to do?' I feel you have a choice to smile and make the rest of your life happy."

Because of the widespread nature of stroke, Smith said she has seen many friends and acquaintances suffer from it.

"There should be more awareness about this," Smith said. "I do feel it's important to take half an hour out of your day (for the OMH screening) because a stroke can be devastating."



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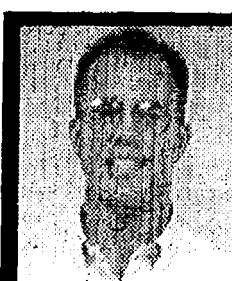
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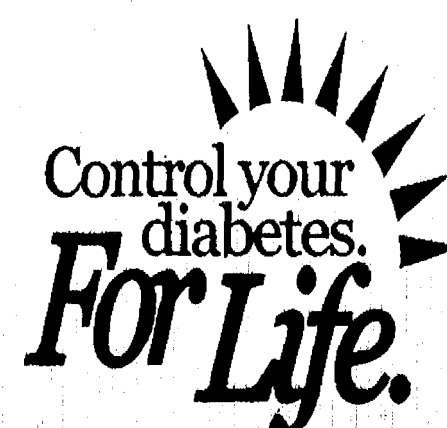
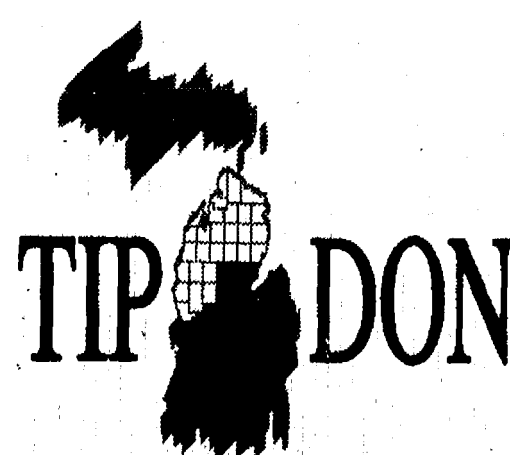
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Seniors On Muscle Beach? You're Never Too Old To Get Fit

Studies Consistently Show That Weight Training For Seniors Is Beneficial

(ARA) - If you think you're too old to benefit from a fitness regimen that includes weight training, think again.

Seven years ago, Beatrice Maullin read about the Crown Valley Senior Olympics competition in her hometown of Pasadena, Calif. She had been working out at a local gym doing aerobics, machine weights and free weights. Thinking that there was no sport in which she could compete, she called to volunteer for the Senior Olympics. But when she saw that one of the events was powerlifting, an exercise in which she had become interested, she decided to enter the competition, despite having only two weeks to practice the proper form.

In April 1995, Beatrice won her first powerlifting gold medal. By the way, at the time she was 74.

Today, at 80, Beatrice has won 25 gold medals, holds the powerlifting world record for her age group (82.5 pounds), and is the oldest woman in the United States to compete in the bench press. She has won the "best overall" title in weight lifting for

the past six years and has been featured locally and nationally in newspapers, magazines and television, advocating weight training for women of all ages.

Beatrice was not a fitness enthusiast all her life. "I took dance as a young girl, raised two boys, and ran my own businesses, but it's not the same as working out," she said. "I don't know why I waited this long to finally do something just for myself. There must have been some magic plan waiting for me to take that first step. I can't believe all this excitement and fuss started when I was in my 70s," she says. "I've never had so much fun."

Studies consistently show that weight training for seniors is beneficial in many ways. Increased strength can help improve balance, reduce blood pressure, stabilize blood sugar levels and lower cholesterol. A separate study also shows that women who take up weight training increase their metabolism for a longer period of time - and therefore burn more calories -- by training with weights, as compared to jogging or other aerobic exercise.

And increasingly, fitness clubs are catering to seniors, who often are their most committed members and are by far the fastest growing segment of the health club market. For example, Gold's Gym offers discounts to seniors, including 25 to 50 percent off enrollment fees, and many instructors take special training to accommodate the

needs of the older fitness club members, says Derek Barton, vice president of Public Relations and Communications for Gold's Gym International.

"Our mission at Gold's is to help all of our members fulfill their human potential," Barton says, "and that includes seniors. We want them to go for it. We not only have a growing number of seniors enrolling in our clubs, but also a growing number of seniors doing great things, like Beatrice."

Beatrice says that although the recognition and gold medals are nice, those aren't what keep her coming back to the weight room.

"I feel healthier, more exuberant, happier about the time I spend in the gym," she says. "I love meeting people of all ages at the gym, because they understand the dedication it takes to stay in good health. Of course, going to the gym to work out, you must allow extra time to exercise your jaw muscles, too!"

Beatrice has no plans to retire any time soon. In fact, she tries to get out and speak to women's groups as much as possible to spread the word about the benefits of weight training, even though she realizes it may create some competition in her age bracket.

"These new baby boomers are in for a big surprise when it comes to getting older if they have not been keeping fit by exercising," she says. "If they have not, the fit seniors will beat them mile for mile."

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Stress Got You Down? Put Sleep At The Top Of Your To-Do List

Advice For Stress Free Days, Sleep Filled Nights

(ARA) - To do today: work projects, school activities, sports practice, music lessons, neighborhood meeting, household chores, and family time. Oh – and somewhere on your list, try to find time for a good night's sleep.

"We all have too much to do, so be sure to derive the greatest benefit from your time in bed," stated Andrea Herman, director of the Better Sleep Council. "How well you sleep at night can make all the difference in how productive and stress-free you'll be the next day, whether you're scrubbing the bathrooms before houseguests arrive or rushing to the grocery store to stock up."

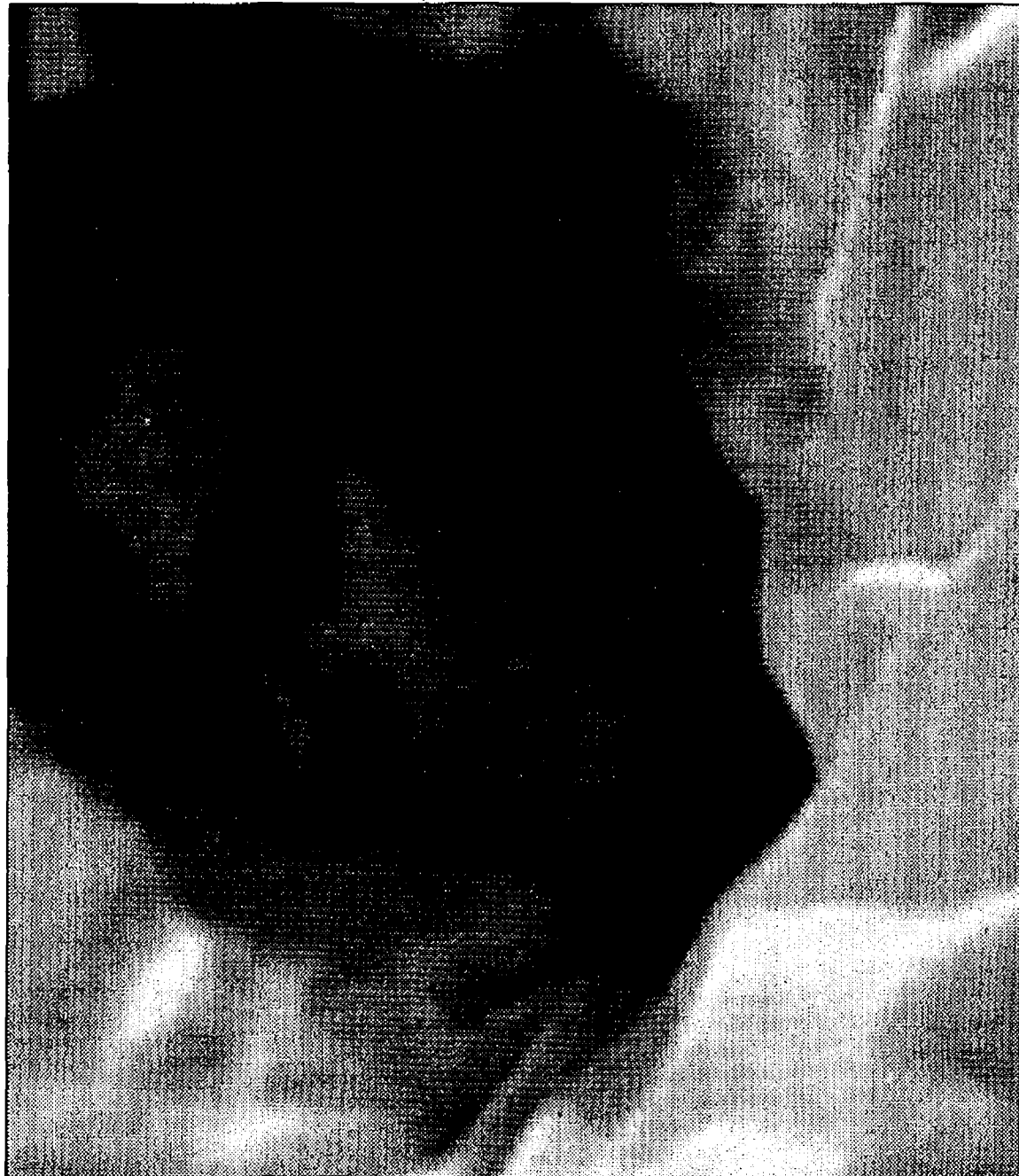
Like proper nutrition and exercise, sleep is essential to feel your best. Because we all want to stay healthy, it's important that we get the best night's sleep possible every night.

To help ensure relaxing days and sleep-filled nights, the Better Sleep Council offers the following tips:

1) **Give yourself "permission" to go to bed.** As hard as it may be to put away your "to do" list, make sleep a priority. You'll thank yourself in the morning.

2) **Take care of yourself.** Cut back on alcohol, caffeine and smoking, all of which can make it more difficult to fall and stay asleep. Regular exercise can help relieve tension and stress.

3) **Unwind early in the**



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evening. Finish chores and run errands early in the evening so you can clear your mind and relax before bedtime.

4) **Keep regular hours.** Go to bed around the same time each night and wake up close to the same time each morning to keep your biological clock in check.

5) **Create a restful place to sleep.** Be sure your bedroom is cool, quiet and dark, and that you are sleeping on a comfortable, supportive mattress and foundation. A bed that's too small, too soft, too hard or too old can rob you of sleep.

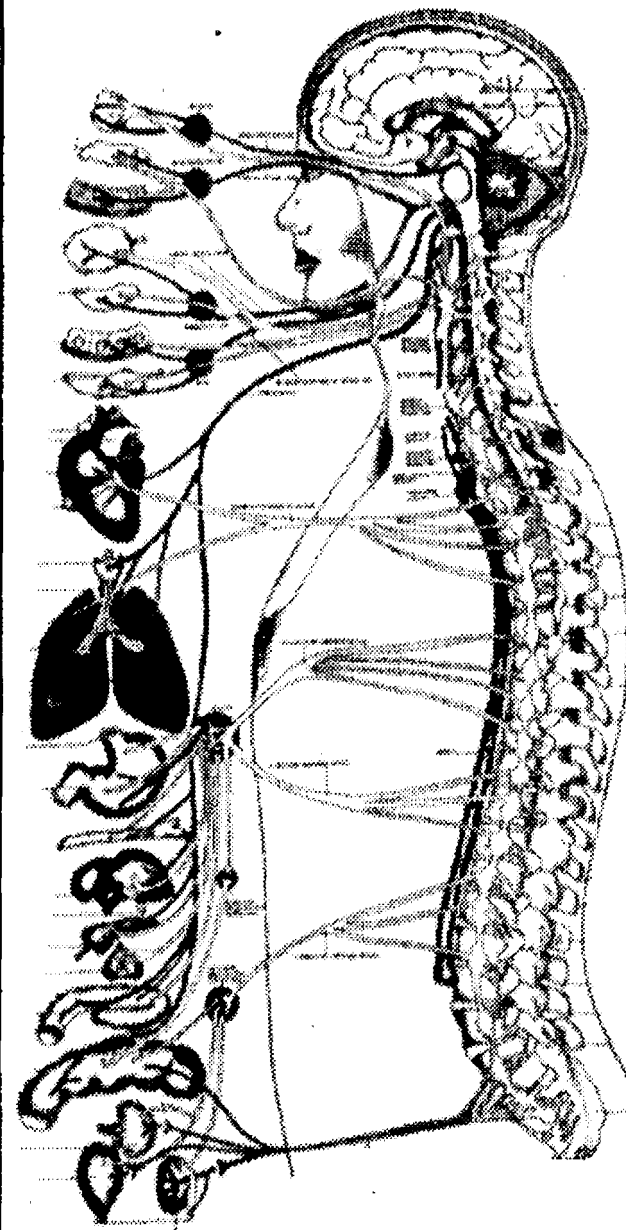
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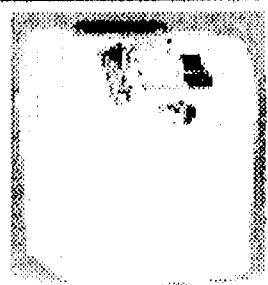
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'The Prevalence Of Overweight Adolescents Nearly Tripled Over The Past Two Decades'

By Carolyn Moore, Ph.D., R.D.
For News USA

(NUI) - It used to be that obesity and associated health issues, such as heart disease and diabetes, were adult-only problems. Sadly though, these problems are cropping up increasingly among children and adolescents.

Here are some staggering statistics that should serve as a wake-up call for parents: In 1999, 13 percent of children ages 6 to 11 and 14 percent of adolescents ages 12 to 19 were overweight. The prevalence of overweight adolescents nearly tripled over the past two decades and only one state, Illinois, requires physical education for grades kindergarten through 12.

Excessive weight gain can be the result of many factors such as large portion sizes, poor food choices, a family history of obesity and children just not exercising enough. There's usually never one single issue that causes a weight gain problem.

Children need a variety of nutrients, including calcium, vitamin C, potassium, numerous B vitamins, protein and carbohydrates. Breads, pasta, chicken, lean meats, fish, fruits and fruit juices, vegetables, nuts, and cereals are all good choices.

Calcium, important for laying down dense bone mass early in life, is often in short supply in the diets of many children and teens. Research indicates that higher calcium intakes may help children maintain a healthy body fat percentage during the critical years of body fat development.

Flavored lower fat milk, string cheese and portable yogurts are kid-friendly choices that can bump up daily calcium. Calcium

fortified juices also are good sources of this important nutrient.

In the case of younger children, there's been spirited debate about appropriate fruit juice consumption. The first long-term study of children's juice intake, as reported in the Journal of the American Dietetic Association, showed consumption of 100 percent juice is not associated with overweight or short stature in young children. Experts recommend two fruit servings per day for children ages 1 to 4. Half of those fruit servings can be in the form of juice.

It's best to start healthy habits at an early age, but better to start late than not at all. Here are some ideas:

- Don't use food as a reward or punishment.
- Plan at least one family weekend event that requires being active.
- Assign outdoor chores, such as mowing the lawn or weeding the yard.

• Strive for five servings of fruits and vegetables each day for older children. Juices and juice drinks, especially those that are fortified, can provide necessary nutrients, such as vitamin C, potassium and calcium. Choose juice drinks lower in sugar. Coolers which have 25 percent less sugar than the average of leading kids juice drinks.

Carolyn Moore is director of nutrition for The Minute Maid Co., Houston. She is past president of the Texas Dietetic Association and is a representative-at-large for the American Dietetic Association.

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Gray And Blue: Depression In The Elderly Often Ignored Or Misunderstood

Millions Of Older People Around The United States Face Mental Health Problems

Retired nurse Dorothy Kirkpatrick hasn't let her age slow her down much. In fact, her latest project was helping open a University of Michigan Health System geriatrics clinic at her local church, so that seniors like her can get convenient and specialized medical care.

But a while back, at a regular checkup, her physician noticed subtle symptoms that Dorothy herself hadn't yet seen - signals that she might be both depressed and in the early stages of Alzheimer's disease. He wanted her to see a neurologist for testing. At first, she resisted the idea, thinking, "This doesn't happen to me." But now, after being diagnosed, receiving treatment and joining a UMHS group for people like her, she has both conditions under control.

Millions of older people around the United States face the same mental health problems that Dorothy did, but the vast majority aren't getting the kind of help she got, says Helen Kales, M.D., a psychiatrist who treats elderly patients at the U-M Geriatrics Center and the Ann Arbor Veteran's Administration Healthcare System (VA). And without professional treatment for their depression, their mental and physical health can decline faster and further than ever.

Depression, and depression combined with dementia, often escapes the notice of older people, their relatives and their doctors too, Kales says. They may not know or recognize the symptoms. Or, they may think that slowing down or feeling sad is normal part of getting older -- or

that health problems and personal losses that can come with old age would depress anyone. Meanwhile, the depression worsens, decreasing their ability to enjoy life or tend to their health.

This widespread missing of depression in the elderly may be due to an old stereotype that's just now fading. "Depression was dismissed as a natural outgrowth of aging, which we now know it's simply not," says Kales.

Even some physicians thought that depressed feelings were unavoidable for people with medical problems, which many older people have. "But research has really shown us that this is not the case. Many patients with various illnesses lead very healthy, productive and enjoyable lives, and so depression is an illness that complicates those diseases - it shouldn't be viewed as a natural outgrowth of them."

Strangely, the old stereotype about older people feeling depressed because of illness or the death of a loved one went hand-in-hand with a belief that "real" depression - the kind that can be diagnosed and treated by doctors - was actually less common in people over age 60.

But that belief is changing. "The rates of depression in older people were previously thought to be lower than those in younger adults, but recently it's been found that the rates may actually be quite similar, at about 5 percent of older women and 2 to 3 percent of older men," Kales says.

Those rates of diagnosed depression, she adds, have recently been found to be much higher in older people who have a number of medical conditions or a single severe illness - as

many as one in four of older people staying in hospitals or nursing homes.

This combination of mental and physical ills can pose special problems. "In illnesses like diabetes, depression worsens the patient's ability to tend to complicated drug regimes like insulin," says Kales, who is an assistant professor of psychiatry at the U-M Medical School.

"Depression also prolongs the rehabilitation from illnesses like heart attack, hip fracture or stroke, making patients' function much worse," she adds. "And it's been found that in patients who have had heart attacks and major depression, their death rates from medical causes are significantly higher six months after the heart attack than in patients who had no depression." And, she says, depression can lead to suicide - which is more common in older people.

There's also a growing sense that many older people with depression have symptoms that look like memory loss and dementia - or that, like Dorothy Kirkpatrick, they have both depression and dementia disorders like Alzheimer's at the same time.

"The relationship of depression and dementia is quite complex and may occur in several ways," explains Kales. "Depression slows thinking, so it's harder for patients to concentrate, and sometimes this can become so severe that patients actually appear to have dementia. This condition has been named 'pseudodementia'."

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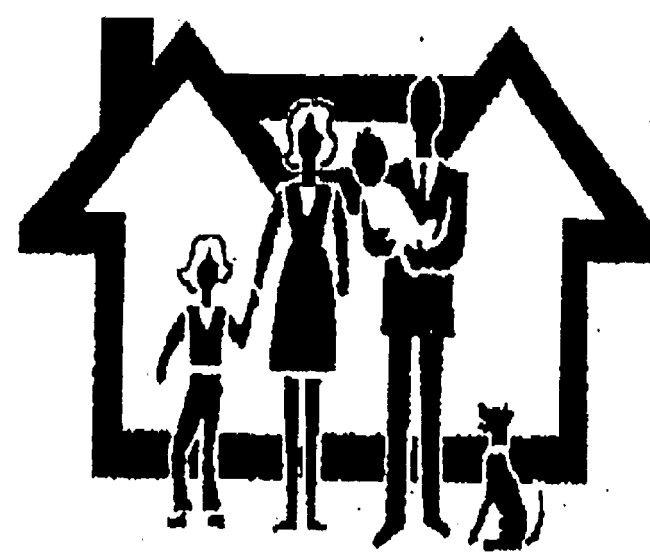
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Depression may even increase the risk of memory loss and dementia, by causing chemical changes that can damage the hippocampus, a part of the brain involved in memory. And, vice versa, patients whose memory and thinking ability are declining because of dementia diseases like Alzheimer's are more likely to suffer from depression.

"What we found was that patients with both depression and dementia simply did worse," she says. "Their depression was detected less often by their physicians and was treated less often. Of most concern, after one year, up to 40 percent of these patients had been placed in nursing homes. This rate was significantly higher than those with depression or dementia alone. It looks like depression in these patients with dementia might be accelerating them on the road to nursing home placement."

Patients with depression and dementia also went to the hospital more.

The good news for all older adults, Kales says, is that new treatments and understanding offer hope to older people with depression.

"Treatment can include medications known as antidepressants, and can often include psychotherapy, 'talk' therapy, which can be quite beneficial for other patients," she notes. "Newer antidepressants are quite effective in the elderly," with fewer side effects and a lower likelihood of interfering with other drugs.

Group therapy can also be great for seniors, Kales says. "They can discuss their problems and symptoms with others who are going through the same thing, and realize that it's not their fault, that it's an illness that needs to be treated and discussed and brought out into the open."

Many seniors with memory loss or depression are turning to alternative medicine, including herbs like ginkgo biloba and ginseng that have been touted as being able to boost their memory or their spirits. Some of these unproven remedies can interact with prescription drugs.

This winter, Kales reported the results of a study of the use of these substances among 82 elderly people with depression, dementia, or both, and 56 of their caregivers. She found that overall, 20 percent of the patients used some form of herbal supplement, while the rate was 16 percent for caregivers. And the majority of both groups didn't tell their doctor that they were taking the substances - a troubling trend because of the risk of drug-herb interactions.

Rather than medicating themselves with unproven therapies, Kales urges seniors who think they might be depressed or hav-

ing early memory loss to talk with their doctors about getting tested and treated. Like Dorothy Kirkpatrick, they may find that it can make all the difference.

Symptoms of depression:

- A long-term sense of hopelessness, worthlessness, anxiety or sadness
- Appetite changes, such as eating too much or too little
- Sleep changes, such as sleeping too much or too little
- Suicidal thoughts or actions
- Feelings of fatigue or being "slowed down"
- Not enjoying life or activities that used to bring pleasure
- Crying too often or too much
- "Overlap symptoms" from physical illness, such as trouble thinking or sluggishness

Facts about depression and dementia in the elderly:

- Depression is not the same as the sad but temporary mood caused by the death of a loved one or changes due to retirement, moving or illness. Depression is an illness that lasts.

- Many older adults with depression may feel anxious or irritable, rather than "sad."

- At any time, depression affects about 5 percent of elderly women and 3 percent of elderly men. About 15 percent of seniors will develop depression sometime in their older years.

- Having an illness can bring on depression.

- Symptoms of depression may be "masked" by symptoms of physical illnesses. And, depression's symptoms can appear to be symptoms of memory loss or dementia.

- Depression in the elderly is quite treatable, with medication, talk therapy and group therapy.

- People taking herbal supplements for memory or depression should tell their doctors.

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Indoor Radon Gas Is The Second Leading Cause Of Lung Cancer In The U.S.

(NUI) - About one home in 15 across the nation has unacceptably high radon levels, according to the Environmental Protection Agency. In some areas, as many as one out of two homes has high levels.

Indoor radon gas is the second leading cause of lung cancer in the country.

Radon, a radioactive product of the element radium, is invisible and odorless. It occurs naturally in soil, rock and water. Although relatively harmless when diluted in the open air, radon can pose a serious health threat when concentrated indoors. When inhaled, radon releases small bursts of energy that can damage the DNA in lung tissue over time and lead to lung cancer.

Radon levels can soar during the colder months when residents keep windows and doors closed

and spend more time indoors. Radon also can be a danger in the summer when homes are closed for air conditioning purposes.

That's why EPA Administrator Christie Whitman is urging Americans to test their homes for radon.

"As many as 22,000 people die from lung cancer each year in the United States from exposure to indoor radon," Whitman said. "Yet Americans could help prevent these deaths and protect their families by testing their homes for radon as soon as possible."

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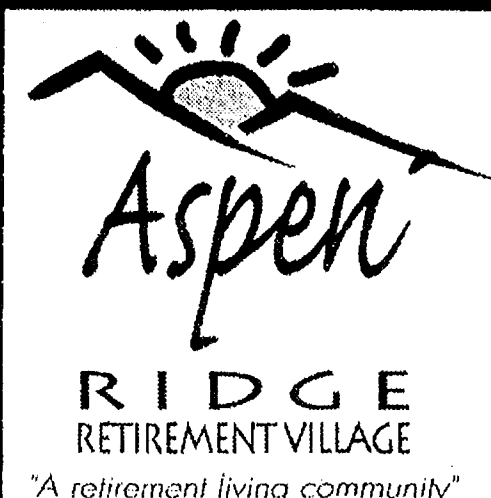
radon levels. EPA and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention warn that homes with radon levels of four pCi/L or higher pose a danger to inhabitants and should be fixed by an experienced contractor.

Although some areas of the country have naturally higher radon levels than others, EPA recommends that everyone test for radon because isolated "hot spots" can occur anywhere. EPA also recommends testing in schools, workplaces, community centers and other buildings where people spend long periods of time.

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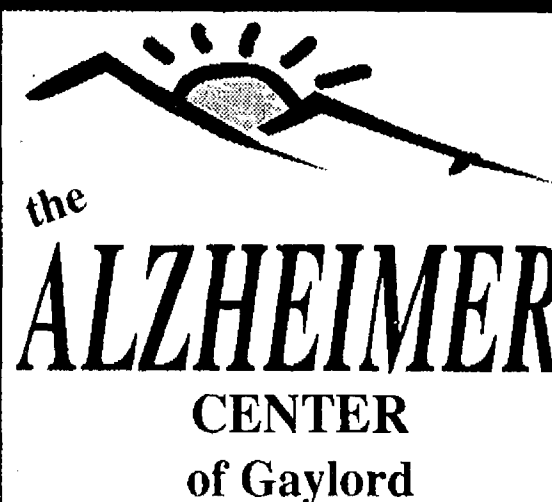


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Many Health Problems Are Associated With Being Overweight

(NUI) - Think you have to stop eating chocolate cake and start running marathons to lose weight and get on the road to a healthier you? The truth is, getting fit and looking radiant is as simple as a little exercise and careful cooking.

While most people know it is unhealthy to carry extra pounds, what many don't realize is the

host of problems associated with being overweight - problems such as type 2 diabetes, high blood pressure, heart disease and certain forms of cancer.

In fact, 17 million Americans have diabetes and of those, African-Americans are disproportionately plagued with the disease. Studies also have shown that rates of diabetes are highest among black women. All of that is to say that Americans have to start taking better care of themselves.

By making steady changes in your eating and physical activity habits, over time you can lose

weight, feel better and improve your overall health. The experts at the National Institutes of Health offer these tips to help you do just that:

- Start each day with breakfast.
- Drink at least eight 8-ounce glasses of water every day.
- Season foods with herbs, spices, lemon, lime or vinegar.
- Make salads with low-fat or nonfat salad dressing, mayonnaise, mustard or flavored vinegar like balsamic.
- Find a local school track where you can walk or jog most days of the week.
- Try a new activity such as karate or aqua aerobics.
- Join a recreation center near your home.
- Cook with onions, garlic or low-sodium chicken broth.

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Sticks and stones can break your bones. Osteoporosis weakens bones in the elderly, leading to greater risk of fractures.

The familiar rhyme from childhood can come back to haunt people in their old age. Osteoporosis is a skeletal disorder affecting the strength of bones, predominately in postmenopausal women. This condition can result in fractures, loss of physical stature and increase frailty. Most women are at risk starting in mid-life and, in later years, so are men.

Doctors at the University of Michigan Health System advise that we should take precautions against this condition throughout our lifetime by taking in enough calcium and vitamin D. There are treatments for osteoporosis that help prevent fractures and slow or even reverse further bone depletion.

Osteoporosis is the result of a loss of calcium in the bones. Bones that were once strong can gradually become thin and brittle. Jane McCort, M.D., U-M clinical assistant professor of internal medicine, division of general medicine, says that osteoporosis can affect the body in many ways without a person actually knowing it.

"The disorder can cause com-

pression of vertebrae, resulting in what people call a 'dowager's hump.' Instead of being squarely stacked, the vertebrae become less tall in front, like a wedge of cheese. Several of these compressions together can cause a person to become hunched over, even when they are doing their best to stand up straight. Often this condition is painful," she says.

Risk factors for osteoporosis

Women after menopause are at the most risk for osteoporosis, especially Caucasian women. However, all older women and as well as older men are at risk.

"Men just tend to get it at an older age than women," McCort explains.

If you have broken a bone as an adult, you are more likely to be diagnosed with osteoporosis. Smokers are also at increased risk. People with certain intestinal disorders may be at risk because they don't absorb calcium and vitamins very well. In addition, some medications, such as prednisone, can increase the risk.

Low testosterone in men also contributes to osteoporosis.

Being frail increases the chance of osteoporosis and fracture. McCort describes a very simple test of frailty: Does a per-

son need help to rise from a chair? According to McCort, there also appears to be a genetic component to osteoporosis and the related risk for fractures.

"The strongest association is in what we call 'first degree relatives,' that is, someone closely related like a mother or a sibling. In particular, if your mother, father or even a sibling has had a fracture of the hip, spine or wrist after the age of 50, you are more likely to have osteoporosis yourself and, eventually, one or more fractures," she says.

Preventing osteoporosis

Prevention is the best weapon against osteoporosis. The foundation for the disorder begins when a person is young. McCort says that bones reach maximum strength and density when we are in our mid-30's or so. From middle age on, there is usually a gradual decline in bone density.

"If you don't build to peak bone strength in youth, your bones will reach a lower density sooner, even in your decline in bone is no faster than the usual rate with aging. Children, teens and young adults should make sure they get adequate calcium and vitamin D, and remain active in order to build strong bones,"

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Association (AOA) has created The Great American Eye Test to help determine if an eye examination is necessary. The test, which appears in different versions for different age groups, asks a series of yes/no questions. Anyone who answers yes to more than one question should make an appointment to see an optometrist.

The questions on the test for adults over age 50 address whether one has tired or burning eyes, avoids close work, experiences near misses or difficulty parking when driving, has spots or floaters, notices distortions in vision and that lighting in the

room seems insufficient, has a decrease in peripheral vision, and has diabetes and not had a dilated eye exam in more than a year.

Individuals between the ages of 41 and 60 should visit the optometrist every two years. Annual exams are recommended for those over age 61. Seniors with specific problems or risk factors may need more frequent visits.

For a free copy of The Great American Eye Test for adults over 50, call toll-free, 1-888-396-EYES (3937) or visit www.aoa.org

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Sticks And Stones...Bones

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 11)

How much calcium should you consume? The recommended amount for most adults is between 1,000 and 1,500 milligrams a day. Eating calcium-rich foods such as milk, cheese or other dairy products, is preferable to taking a calcium supplement, simply because the absorption is more dependable.

One cup, eight ounces, of milk contains about 300 milligrams of calcium, so five eight-ounce glasses of milk a day provides sufficient calcium. McCort says it doesn't matter if the milk is whole, part fat or skim.

Other beverages and foods, such as orange juice and some

bread, contain added calcium, but people can also take over-the-counter nutritional supplements. Calcium carbonate is best absorbed and utilized if taken with food. McCort advises to distribute your calcium pills so that some are taken with each meal, rather than taking them all at once. This maximizes their chance of being absorbed into the body.

"In order for you body to fully utilize calcium, whether it is from foods or pills, you also need to have enough vitamin D. Again, this is a supplement found in most dairy products, although it is available in pill form as well," McCort says.

Although health professionals always prefer to try to prevent it from happening, osteoporosis can be treated. There are a number of prescription medications that help improve bone density and, more importantly, help decrease the risk of having a fracture.

Managing osteoporosis

If a person or their doctor has concerns about osteoporosis, the first step is to review risk factors.

Facts About Osteoporosis

- More than 25 million Americans have osteoporosis.
- Osteoporosis causes 1.3 million fractures of the wrist, vertebrae, and hips a year.
- About half the people who break their hips end up in nursing homes.
- At menopause, there is rapid bone loss.

A test might be in order to check you bone density. The best and most common test is Dual Emission X-ray Absorptiometry, or DEXA, which is a simple and painless scan using two different frequencies of x-rays.

Once osteoporosis has been diagnosed, the doctor may discuss medication, food supplements and possible some exercises.

"We don't want to see people in the hospital with an osteoporosis-related fracture. Chronic pain, being permanently hunched over, or even some recovery time in a nursing home are risks that accompany osteoporosis. We want to do everything we can to prevent or reverse osteoporosis so these things don't happen," McCort says.

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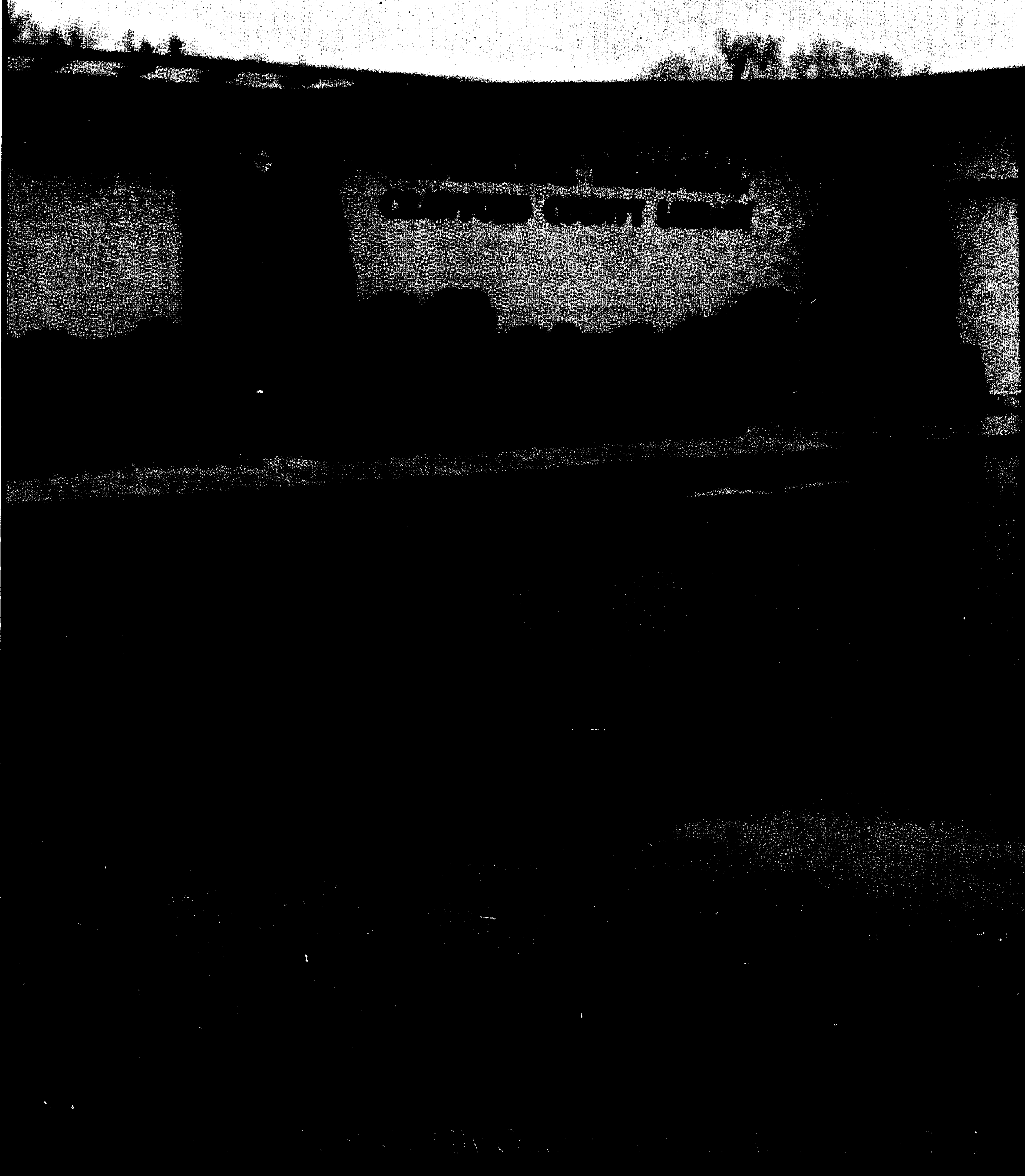
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DEVEREAUX MEMORIAL CRAWFORD COUNTY LIBRARY



New library is a treat for the eyes... and the mind

by Susan Warrington
Staff Writer

Designed with a blend of the contemporary and our northern woods, the new Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library looks modern on the outside and has the flavor of the "up north" on the inside.

The front landscaping is a block-fronted berm which gradually shifts to grass, dotted with evergreen shrubs and surrounded by red sandstone chips. A concrete bench invites you to enjoy the outdoors while waiting for friends or transportation.

The Reading Garden will be

located on the west side of the building. It's design boasts of a pond, butterfly garden, lots of colorful flowers, shade trees, ornamental tufted grass and several benches for readers. The butterfly garden will be created by a local group, Beyond the Garden Wall garden club.

The memorial bench, which was a fixture at the old library, will be placed just inside the doors so those who need to wait for transportation will have the option of staying warm and dry during times of bad weather.

Enter the library and you will find a display announcing current happenings at the library and communi-

ty events. Walk a few steps more and you will find a lounge area where you may read a newspaper or magazine. Cozy up to the fireplace and take a look at the grayling mounted above the white pine mantel. Two lighted globes are also located there for those searching for a far off location.

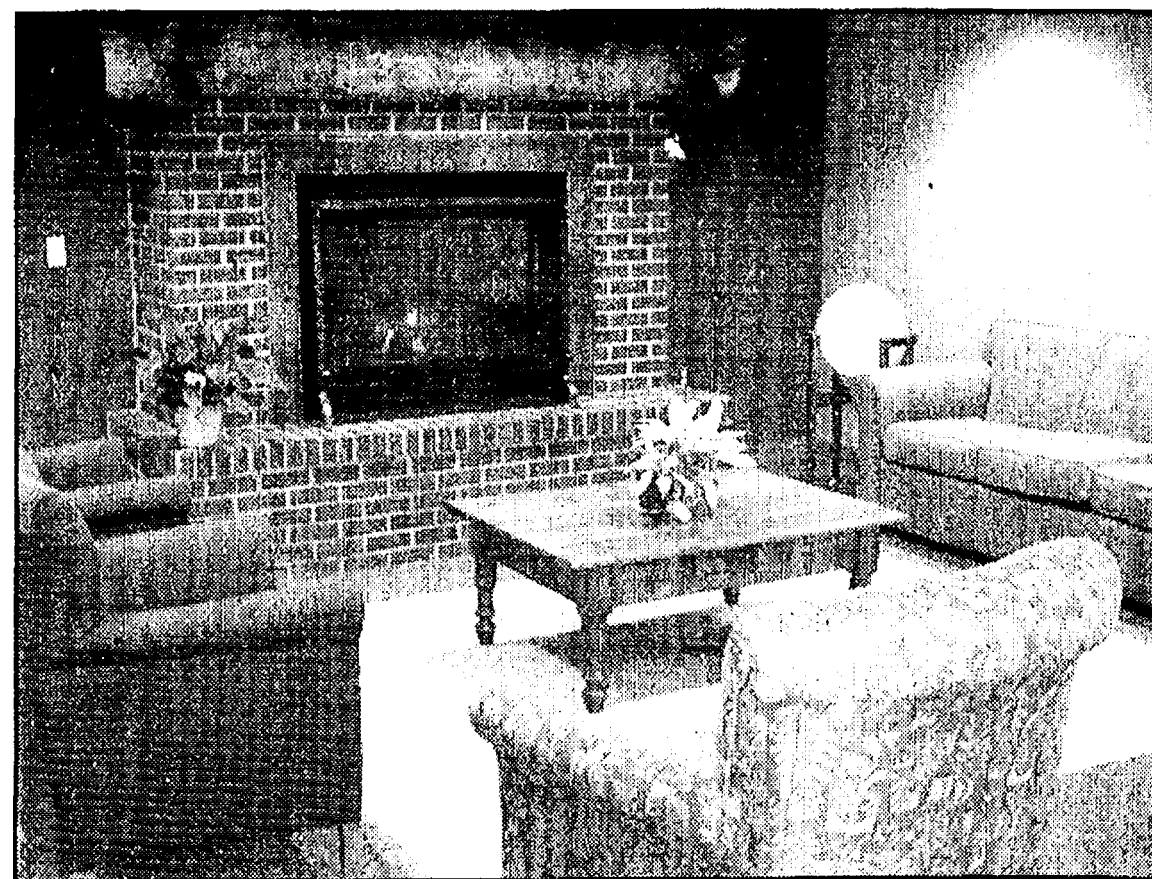
Across from the lounge, a display case full of artifacts from early times of Crawford County will satisfy the history seeker. To the left is the meeting room, and to the right is the circulation desk.

The library's interior decor is of a rustic motif, including natural light and exposed green trusses. The ceiling was designed to absorb approximately 95% of the sound, creating a calm atmosphere even with conversations taking place.

Pine logs frame many parts of the building and theme continues with the pine trees in relief on the birch end panels of the book shelves.

There are over 23,000 volumes in the collection including many large print books. There are also hundreds of books on tape -- including the classics and recent releases -- and many videos -- ranging from exercise to opera, nature to history.

Two special rooms have been created along the back wall of the new library. One is set up for tutoring and allows people to work together without disturbing others. The second is set aside for genealogical research, although you can check on anything written in past issues of the *Crawford County*



The new library has a beautifully designed reading lounge, complete with fireplace and lighted world globes.

Avalanche on the microfilm reader.

A special area is set aside for teens, near the back corner of the library. It contains two computers with Internet access, bean bag furniture and posters, selected by teens, on the wall. Of course, many books for young people are also stored in the area.

The children's area also contains two computers hooked up to the Internet, as well as two computers donated by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation equipped with educational game software. The area is well-stocked with lots of entertaining books and toys for the budding reader.

A bank of 10 computers are installed along the back wall, all with Internet access. In the middle

of the computer bank, there is a print magnifier which allows you to read the fine print on all of those too-good-to-be-true offers, contracts and other hard-to-read documents.

The old fashioned card catalog is no more. Two computers now house information on the library's inventory and they are located at the reference desk.

The Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library, located at 201 Plum Street in Grayling, measures 10,800 square feet -- more than three times the size of the old building -- and can hold up to 50,000 books, so the collection can continue to grow for many years without overcrowding.

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Over the years, Friends of Library help build two libraries

In the late 1950s it was apparent that the Crawford County Library then located in Mrs. Ella Funck's house was crowded to the point that further expansion was impossible.

On October 26, 1960, a meeting between the Board of Trustees and the staff of the library was held at the high school gym to form "The Friends of the Library." At the meeting, a full slate of officers and trustees were named, with Mrs. Robert Schulze serving as president.

The primary task of "Friends" was to find a way to build a new library building, with an eye to the future -- at least 50 years ahead.

By April 1961, the Friends library boosters grew to about 350 new members. They helped to raise community awareness of the need for a new library with a county-wide canvass designed to help a bond issue pass. Friends also conducted several fund-raising activities and a new library was built on James Street in 1964.

For years, the Friends main objective was to support the library by holding quarterly book sales. Proceeds paid for new books, equipment and other needs not funded otherwise. In April 1998, the need for a new library becoming imperative. The Friends of the Library decided to take action, and become more involved. The organization incorporated and sought 501(c)3 status, thereby becoming a non-profit group and able to solicit charitable contributions.

According to the Michigan Public Library Trustee Manual published

by the Library of Michigan in 1998, the Friends are a group of people who value the public library and volunteer to help it. They report their observations of the needs of the library and suggestions for improvement to the librarian or directly to the library board. With the approval of the library board they contribute funds, materials, equipment, services, etc. to supplement what can be provided by the budget.

The Friends raised nearly \$60,000 for the new library through the generosity of the people and organizations of this area. Most of the members who spend only part of the year here show their support via donations, while many of the full time residents donate not only money but

also give their time and talents to support the library.

One of the ways the Friends are helping the new library is by publicizing a "Wish List" which consists of everything from memorial books to memorial bricks for the reading garden, from a toddler loft to a flag pole. Through their efforts, many of the Wish List items have been purchased.

The 2002 Officers of the Friends of the Library are Delores Hall, President; Carol Britton, Vice President; Dr. Charles Jackson and Rita Jackson, Co-Secretaries; and Shirley Schmooch, Treasurer.

Meetings are held the fourth Monday of each month at 10:30 a.m. in the library meeting room.



Photo by Sue Warrington

The 2002 Officers of the Friends of the Library are, from left: Charles Jackson, Delores Hall, Rita Jackson, Carol Wolf Britton and Shirley Schmooch.

Campaign for new building began over five years ago

by Susan Warrington
Staff Writer

In 1993, the Library Board started a Building Improvement Account to upgrade the library on James Street. Members began to look at leasing additional land so the current library could be expanded. However, the flooding of the basement could not be solved and the flat roof was continuing to develop leaks.

When the old library was built the county had about 5,000 people, approximately one-third of the population it has now. Also, with the increased traffic on James Street, there were concerns about the safety of people trying to reach the library.

By 1997, the Board decided it was

time to abandon the old building and start fresh on a new site. When the school offered the land near Grayling Elementary School, the Board accepted.

The Library Board estimated the cost of a new state-of-the-art library at approximately \$2,000,000. In December, 1999, Leslie Devereaux, donated \$500,000 provided the library was named for her parents who were long time summer residents of South Branch Township. Her donation was followed by donations to the building fund from The Weyerhaeuser Foundation for \$25,000, Charlie Fick for \$25,000 and Nelson Miles for \$10,000.

The Friends of the Library which

had become active again in 1998, began putting on fund-raisers to help pay for putting the library bond issue on the August 2000 ballot. Students wrote essays saying why a new library was needed and the winning essays, selected by Friends of the Library, were published in the *Crawford County Avalanche*.

By the end of March, 2000, plans for the new library showed a 10,800 square-foot facility, a vast improvement on the mere 3,000 square-foot existing facility. The new library was built so that it would be able to serve a population expected to be 50% larger by 2030.

The millage vote, held August 8, 2000, passed 2480 to 1082. Due to

the donations and a lower interest rate, the millage assesses taxpayers 0.38 mills for 15 years.

AuSable Construction began construction in April 2001 and a groundbreaking ceremony was held May 4, 2001. At the ceremony Ginger Casey's fifth grade class sang "What a Wonderful World" and released dozens of balloons.

In early March, 2002, the move to the new building took only two days due to the efforts of many volunteers. By March 15, the new building was open for business.

The Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library will be officially dedicated on Friday, May 17, 2002.

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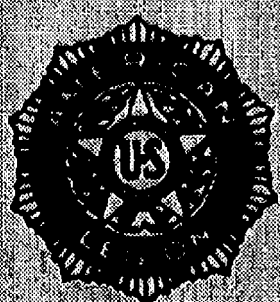
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Architect Ed Parks and \$500,000 donor Leslie Devereaux remove together the first shovel of dirt at the May 4 groundbreaking for the new library that bears her family's name.

The county, as a whole, has been very supportive of the new library passing the millage 2,480 to 1,082. There are a few people, however, whose contributions have helped cut the millage necessary to finance the library and also have allowed the library to upgrade some of their acquisitions.

First, is Leslie Devereaux, who donated \$500,000 for the construction of the new library. This donation was made to honor both her father, Richard Devereaux and her grandfather, William Devereaux who were avid readers, fly fishermen and sportsmen who started coming to the Grayling area in the

1920's.

Previously mentioned large donations (see "Campaign..." Page 3) from Weyerhaeuser Foundation, Charlie Fick, and Nelson Miles really helped cut the costs. But, money is not the only way people have helped keep the costs down to the

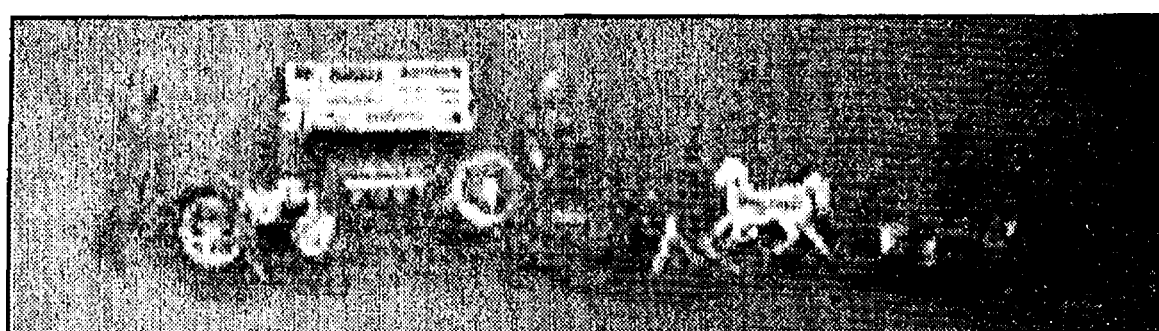
taxpayer.

Edgar Parks donated his professional services as project manager for construction of the library. He offered concept drawings for the library, although the final plans came from architects in Houghton Lake. Parks oversaw all aspects of the construction because he said he feels that a good library is an asset to the community.

Kimberly Fuller, a native of Lovells, donated her services to provide the interior design.

Many people have donated funds for hundreds of new books -- too many names to mention them all here. The Grayling Rotary Club donated the flag pole and flag. Art was donated by Wayne Ferguson and Family, while Rita and Charles Jackson donated the Children's Puppet Theater. Terry Dickinson donated a painting, and Emil and Laurine Kraus donated garden benches. Charles and Beverly Gillette donated children's furnishings, and the Grayling Promotional Association donated children's furniture. Jeff Boyd donated art also.

Be sure to visit the library and take a close look around at all the items so generously donated.



This brass sculpture, donated to the old library by Dr. Paul Dosch, is now hanging on a wall at the new library.



Members of the Michigan National Guard raised the American Flag outside the new library as hundreds of people, including school children and Chamber of Commerce President Tim Zigila, looked on at the March 15 ribbon-cutting ceremony. The flag and pole were donated by the Grayling Rotary Club.

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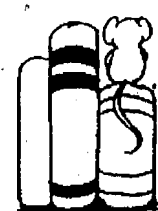
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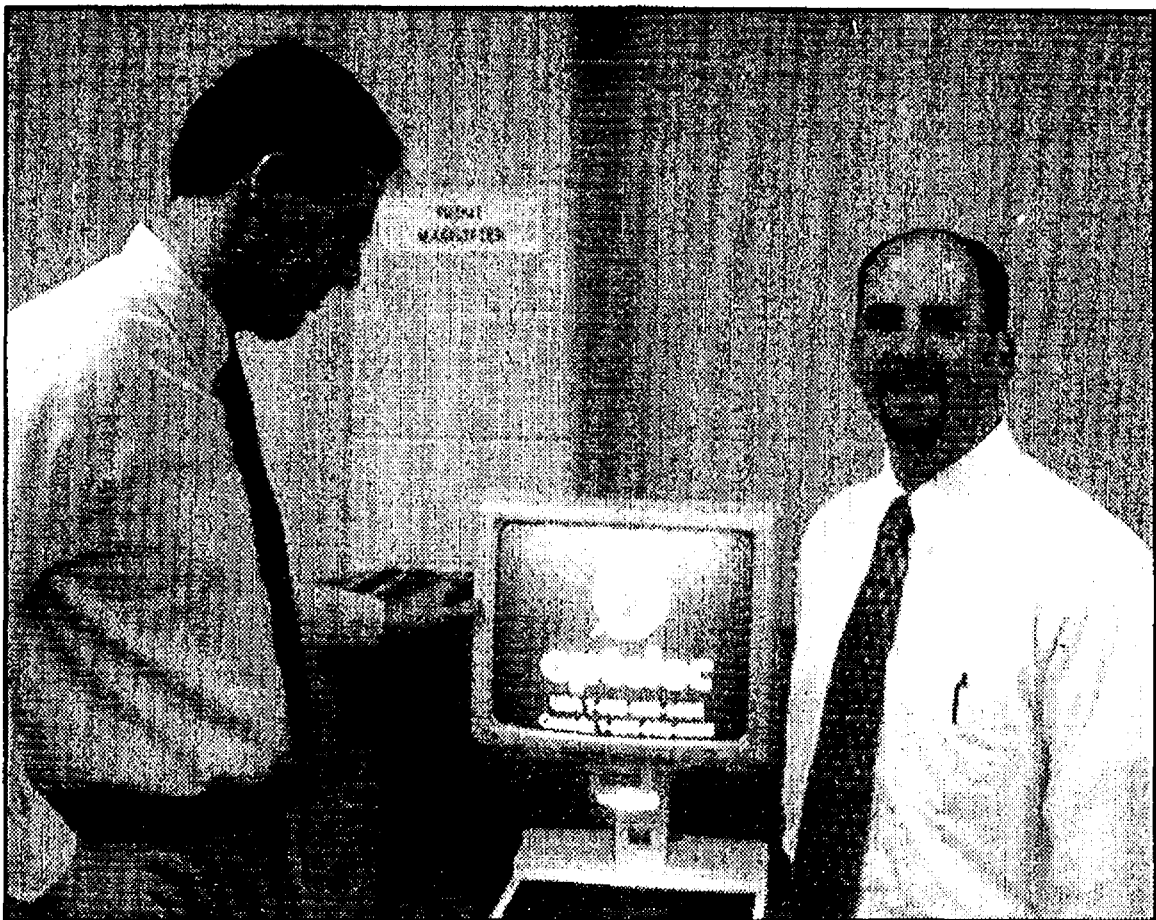
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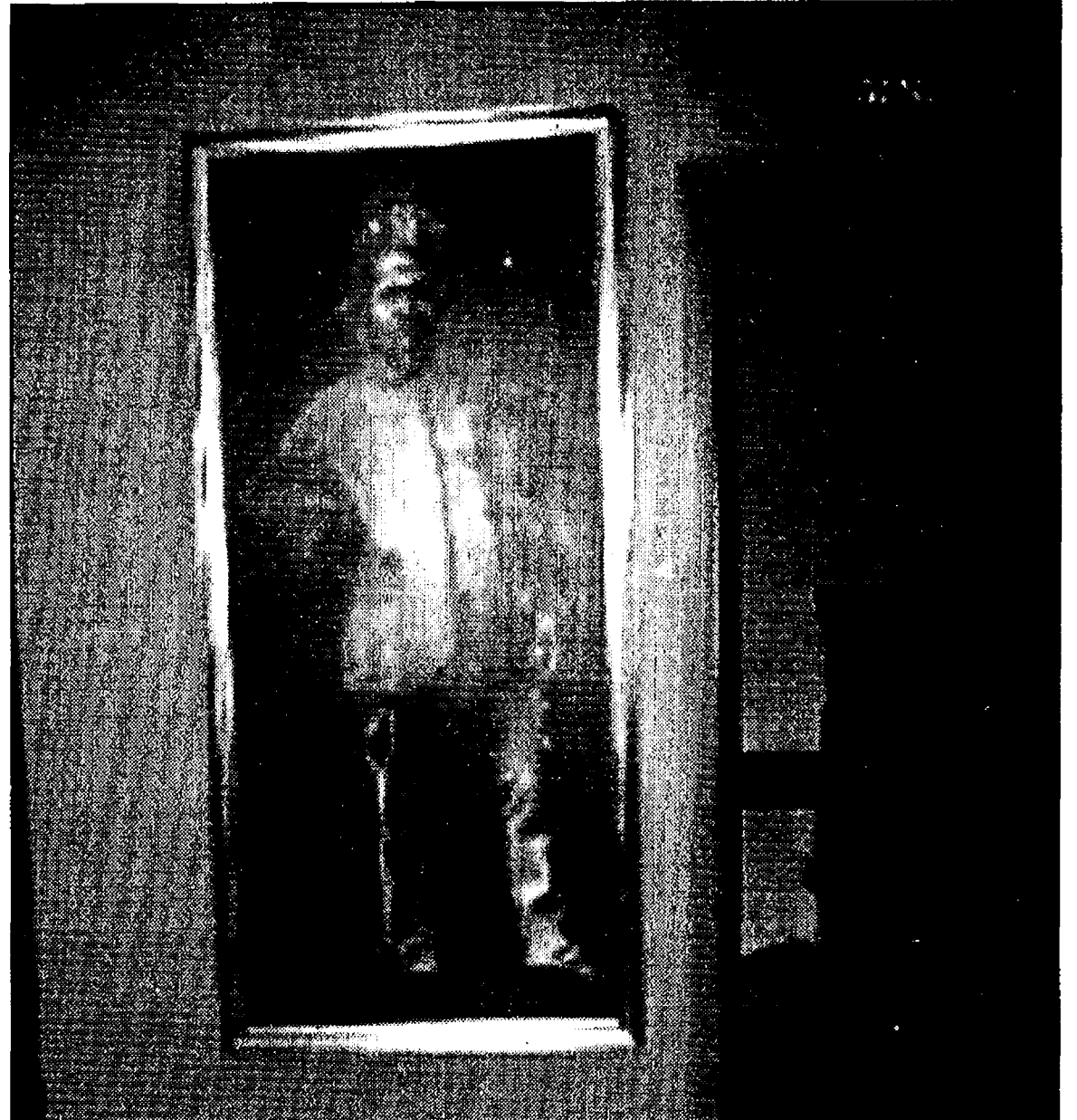
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Just a few of the many, many items donated to the new library



(Top left) Doctors William Dean and Robert Aubry recently donated this Optelec Print Magnifier to the Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library in recognition of National Library Week.

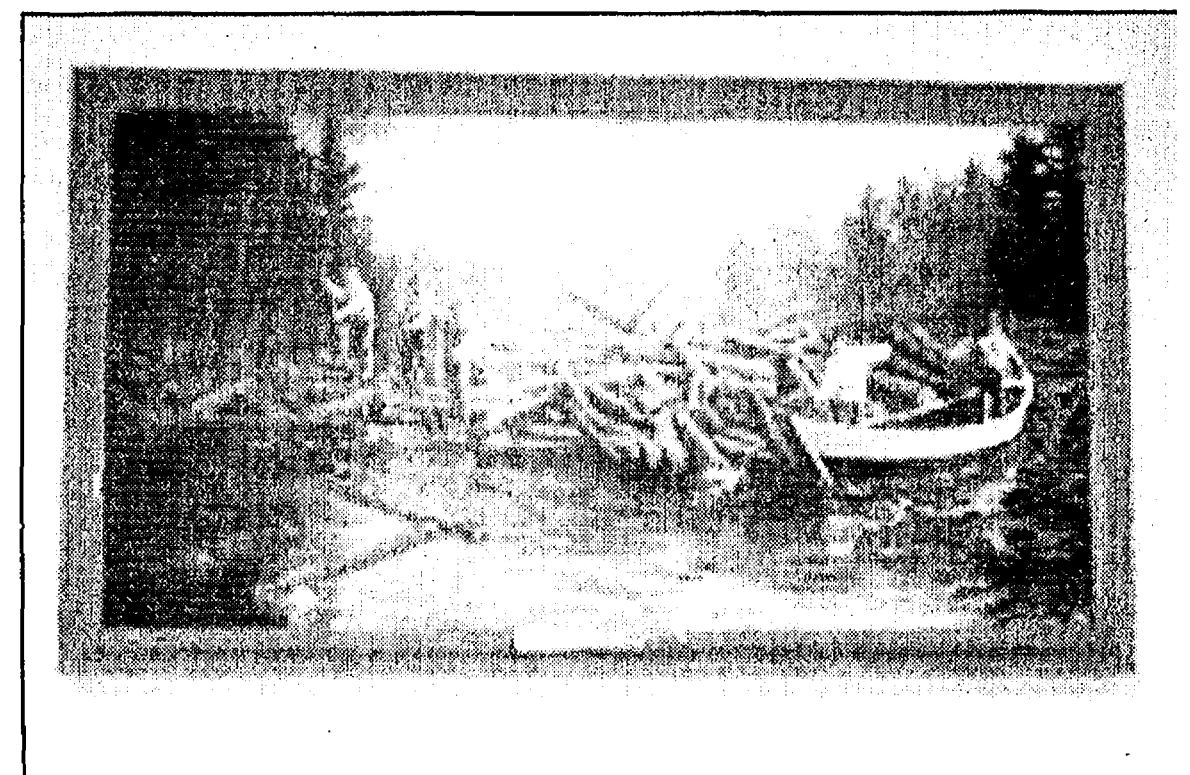
(Top right) Guarding the entrance to the Genealogy research room, a portrait of Chief Shoppenagon is hard to miss.



(Bottom left) At the ribbon cutting ceremony, Mary Neal (center) presents Library Director Edward Elsner (right) and Library Board President Barbara Greene (left) with a copy of a book containing words and art by her son Anthony. Hundreds of new books have been purchased with money donated to the new library.



(Bottom right) A painting depicting the early logging heritage of Crawford County, created and donated by local artist Terry Dickinson, adorns the walls of the library's lovely meeting room.



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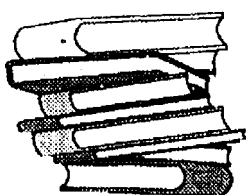
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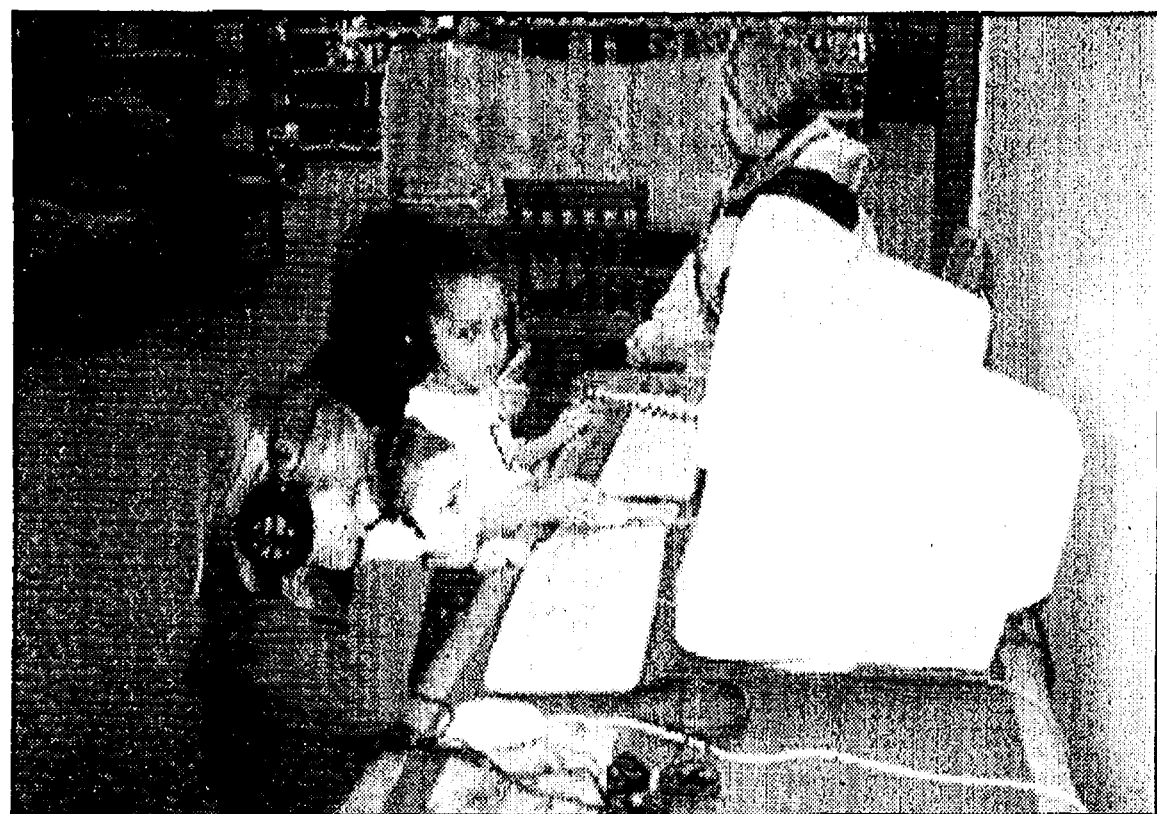
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by Susan Warrington
Staff Writer

The children's area at the new Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library makes you want to be a child again.

The first thing you see is a double row of small tables covered with wood or heavy cardboard manipulative games. A quick glance to your left and you see two computers donated by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation which have educational games and are busy except when the children are in school.

On the front wall there are books that also have manipulatives attached.

Over in the far corner there are many stuffed animals and bean bags in a recessed well perfect for small group gatherings. Near the recessed well there are two regular computers for young children to use. In addition there are plenty of books on shelves designed for easy access by young children.

Story Hour is held every Wednesday at 1 p.m. in the community room with Rae Ann Schanz. First the children see a short filmstrip or movie, followed by one or two stories and then an activity such as hand puppets, drawing, dancing or singing. There are usually 9 or 10 children but there is room for more.

The Reading is Fundamental (RIF) program donates books to children. After a child has read five books, which must be either library books or school library books, they may choose one free book from the collection available. Every week the library gives out at least five free books. According to administrative assistant Mary Kay Hinkle the program is growing.

The RIF program will continue during the summer and the Summer Reading program will kick off Thursday, June 13 with Gordon the Magician. For the rest of the Thursdays in June and July there will be a big event or field trip scheduled.

Teens have a place to call their own in new library

In the early evening of the first and third Wednesdays of every month you will find a special group of teenagers meeting in the far corner of the library. They are the Teen Advisory Board and they act as representatives of all of the teens who use the library.

According to Summer Coe and Nick Parkinson, the Advisory Board wants to help make the teen area in the far back corner of the library an area where they can relax and enjoy themselves.

So far, they have selected and put up posters, and are getting bean bag chairs. In addition to decor, the teens also recommend books and plan activities for teens and children.

According to member Brandon McMahon, the Advisory Board

will read to children the third Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. in the children's area.

The teens held a karaoke night in early May and plan to host a movie night each month.

Charter members of the Teen Advisory Board are Summer Coe, Chelsea Currison, Ellie Currison, Brandon McMahon, Nick Parkinson and Rick Saxton.

There is room for more teens on the Advisory Board, so those who are interested should contact librarian Edward Elsner.

Teens who do not want to be on the Board but have suggestions for the teen area should contact a member of the Advisory Board or drop off their suggestions at the library.

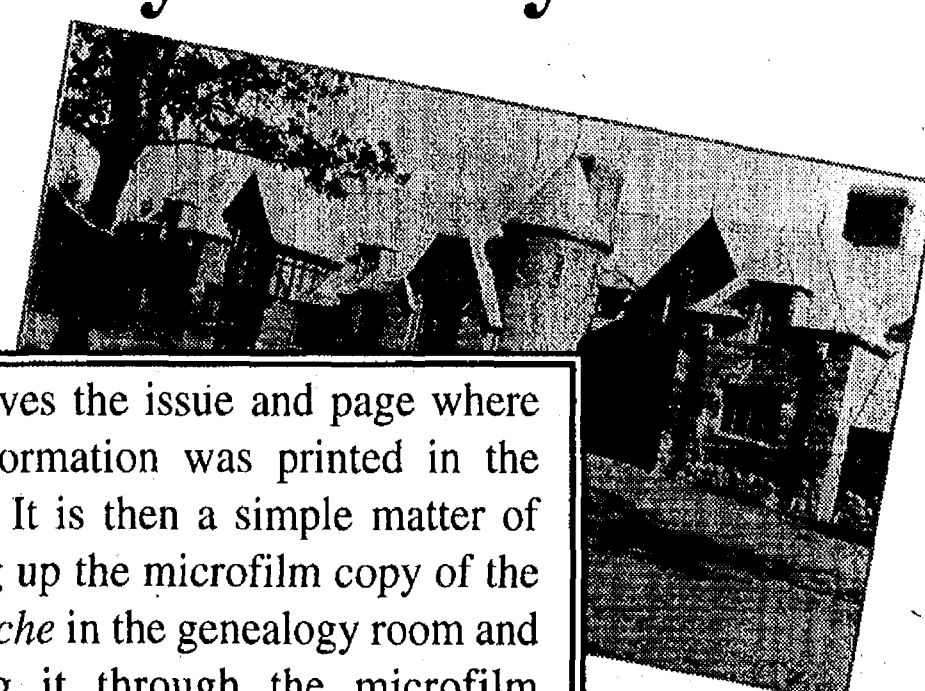
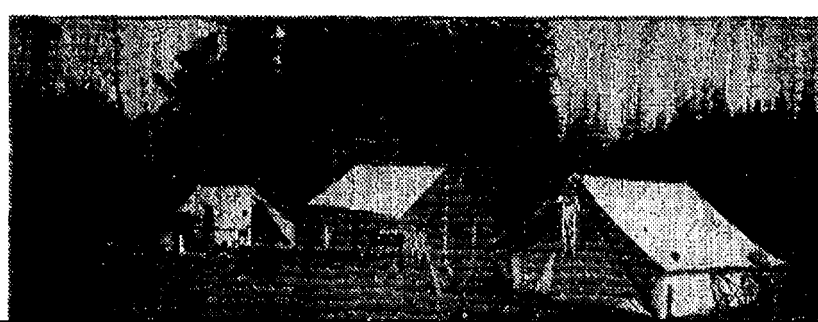
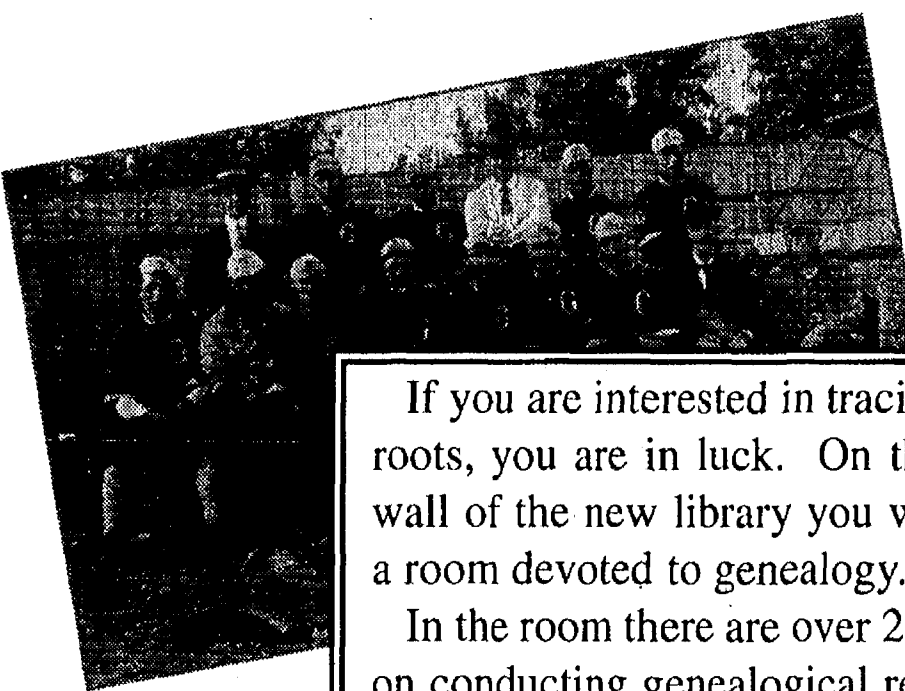


2002 Teen Advisory Board Members (left to right) Nick Parkinson, Rick Saxton, Brandon McMahon, Ellie Currison, Summer Coe, Chelsea Currison, and librarian Edward Elsner.

Crawford County Avalanche

Recording Crawford County history since 1879

Check out the local history & genealogical room at the new Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library.



If you are interested in tracing your roots, you are in luck. On the back wall of the new library you will find a room devoted to genealogy.

In the room there are over 20 books on conducting genealogical research, along with a journal named *Genealogical Helper*, information on the ghost towns of the county, a cemetery census for the county, and census records for Crawford County for 1830, 1880, 1890, 1900, 1910 and 1920. In addition there is an 1870 Michigan Census Index and the 1800 census for several states.

Several other files are stored in the room including those about families who have been in the county for a long time, records on the Canoe Marathon, and fishing on the river. The library has also received several recent donations dealing with genealogical research and these will be available soon.

Just outside the room there is a card file that Fay Bovee and Beverly Fetting have set up which is an alphabetical index of the births, deaths and marriages that have been printed in the *Crawford County Avalanche*. The

card gives the issue and page where the information was printed in the paper. It is then a simple matter of picking up the microfilm copy of the *Avalanche* in the genealogy room and running it through the microfilm reader located in the genealogy room to find the entire article. If you want a hard copy of the article it can be printed out in a matter of seconds.

For those who are interested in researching their roots or who have already begun, regularly scheduled genealogy meetings will be held soon.

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Joan Dickerson-Peters
May 17, 2002

We couldn't have done it without Ed Parks



Even after the library was open for business, architect Ed Parks (seated) hasn't stopped contributing his time. Following the ribbon cutting ceremony on March 15, he spent some time putting together puzzles with local youngsters in the new children's area.

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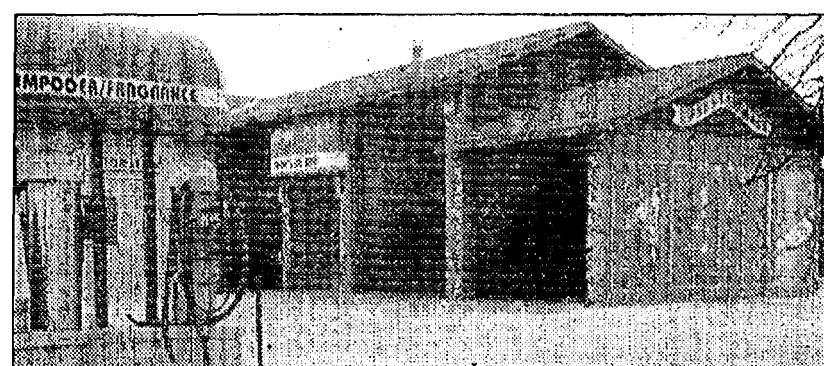
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Library Board responsible for vital decisions and operation of library

by Susan Warrington
Staff Writer

The Crawford County Library Board is appointed by the Crawford County Board of Commissioners to serve five year terms. Its current members are Barbara Greene (President), Sharon Hartman (Vice President), Judy Morford (Secretary), Loretta Hassan (Financial Officer), Ray Priebe Jr. (Trustee and Building Chairman) and Lynnette Corlew, (Liaison to the County Board of Commissioners).

Technically, the treasurer of the group must be County Treasurer Joe Wakeley because the budget of the Library Board is a line item in the

county budget.

The Board is responsible for the operation of the public library. After consideration of the library's strengths and weaknesses, they adopt plans for the library's growth. They also set the policies to implement the plans most effectively, and make sure they operate on a balanced budget. They are responsible for hiring the library director and generally oversee library operations.

Board members may be members of the Friends of the Library, but are not permitted to hold office in Friends or to vote on any issue.

The Board is now looking for ways to increase funding. Their

budget for the year is set but the new building costs more for both heating and lights. They have set up a Funding Sub-Committee to give them recommendations. The Board would also like to expand the hours for the new library.

Board meetings are open to the public and are held the second Tuesday of each month at 3:30 p.m. in the meeting room of the library.

(Right) The 2002 Crawford County Library Board - (front) Ray Priebe Jr., Barbara Greene, Lynnette Corlew; (back) Sharon Hartman, Judy Morford, Loretta Hassan.



Library Director off to a running start



Library Director
Edward Elsner

One of the first things Edward Elsner, who became the Library Director in January, faced was the move to the new Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library, in March. He met the challenge easily with help from many volunteers and now has time to work toward several goals for the new library.

Elsner wants to see the library become more involved in the community than it has been in the past and would like it to become a gathering place for the people of the county. One of the new programs Elsner has set up to help get people involved is the volunteer program which invites people from teens to senior citizens to donate a few hours a week.

Another program is the Teen Advisory Board where teens not only have input on an area of the library designed for them, they also design programs to benefit teens and other age groups in the community.

Elsner would also like to hold the children's story hour twice a week, once during the school day and once after school.

He said they are working hard to expand the children's area of the library, especially picture books, children's videos and juvenile books.

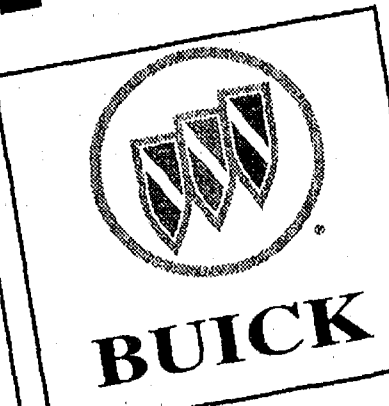
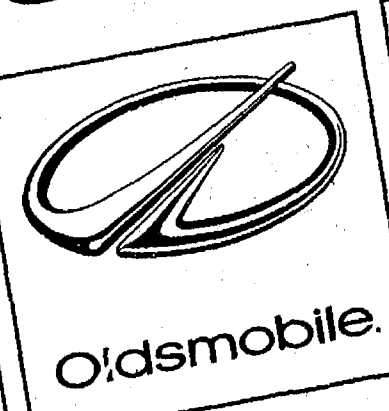
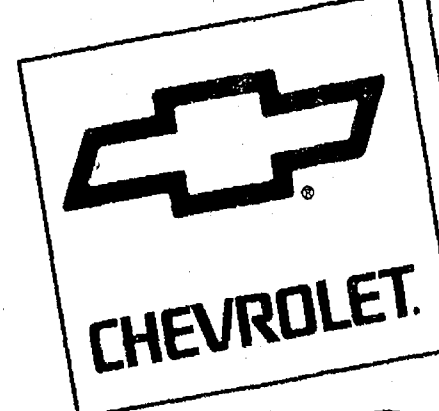
Although they are working to improve all areas of the collection some areas that need extra attention include western fiction, science fiction and fantasy, and young adult books.



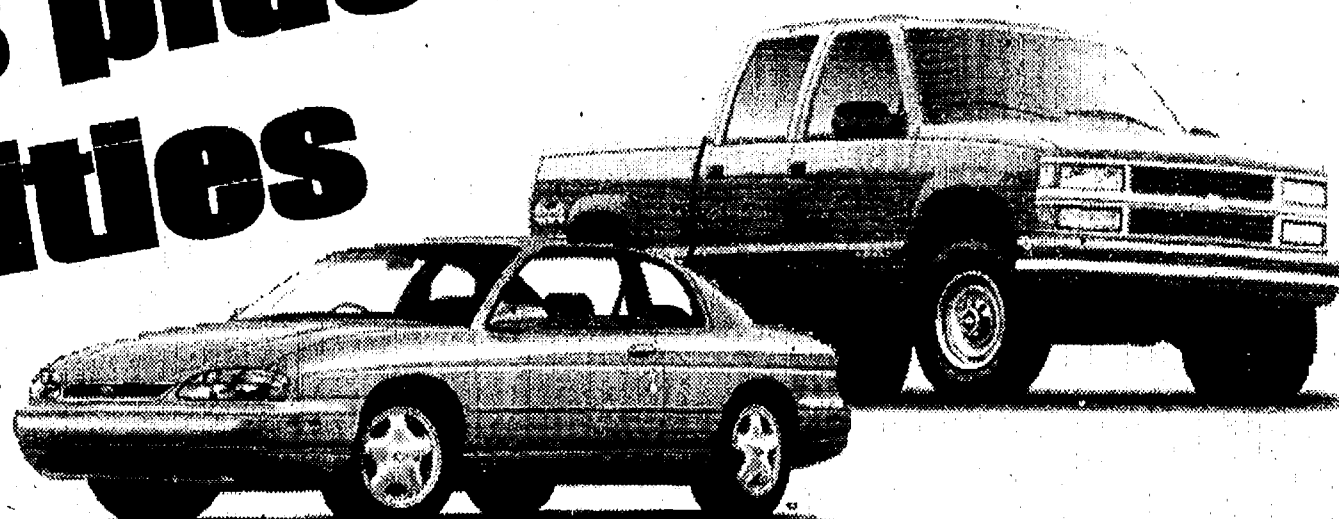
Administrative Assistant Mary Kay Hinkle actually has room now to process materials. In the old library, the work area consisted of the small space behind the checkout desk, where the librarians were expected to keep book catalogs, warehouse supplies for processing book donations and repairing damaged books, and check out books. The new library's workroom is many times larger, allowing for more staff to be working comfortably at the same time.

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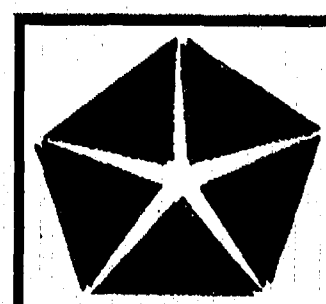
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